Lebanon talks may be delayed

KUWAIT (AP) — Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad has proposed postponing next week's talks with Lebanese political eaders in Kuwait, apparently because of disputes among Muslim leaders over who should be invited. The Kuwaiti News Agency quoted Sheikh Sabah, who heads a six-member Arab League committee trying to promote peace in Lebanon, as saying the delay would "allow the opportunity for further contacts and consulta-tions with concerned parties." The talks were set for March 17-18. Sheikh Sabah said no new date for the meeting had been put forward. Sheikh Sabah expressed "regret over the latest developments on the Lebanese arena" and urged the Lebanese "to resort to the reason by showing response to the panel's good offices which are aimed at taking Lebanon out of its ordeal."

King begins private

Hague Saturday after attending Rocard and Mulroney Jordan's an international conference on relations with France and Canada

conference.

The King also discussed with

and issues related to the Hague

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai. Royal Court Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and De-

puty Prime Minister and Foreign

Minister Marwan Al Qasem were

King Hussein later attended a

King Hussein was expected to

lunch hosted by Queen Beatrix for

the heads of state attending the

present at the two meetings.

visit to Britain

THE HAGUE (Agencies) — His said.

Majesty King Hussein left the

protection of the ozone layer and

signing a declaration on the issue.

visit lasting several days, the Jor-

dan News Agency, Petra, re-

During his stay in the Hague, the King held separate talks with

French Prime Minister Michel

Rocard and Canadian Prime

Minister Brian Mulroney on va-

rious world affairs, including the

Middle East situation and efforts

to find a solution to the Arab-

The King flew to London for a

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# King: Protection of atmosphere is an international duty

# 24 states sign Hague Declaration

THE HAGUE (Agencies) — Jordn and 23 other countries from all corners of the globe Saturday signed a declaration that enlists the United Nations as a watchdog against pollution of earth's atmosphere.

the U.N. to promote and en- of melting polar ice caps and force protection of the earth's many farm areas will become atmosphere, either by streng-thening existing U.N. en-less atmospheric pollution is vironmental agencies or creat- reduced.

of international cooperation."
Norwegian Prime Minister Norwegian Prime Minister tional Court of Justice, in-Gro Harlem Brundtland, a cluded His Majesty King Husmajor force behind the initia- sein, the presidents of France, tive, declared. "Our start today offers great hope."

stressed the need to combat Norway, Hungary, Canada global warning, the heating up of the atmosphere and Malta. of the atmosphere or "green-house effect" caused by the emission of carbon dioxide and other gases.

It praised recent efforts to reduce damage to the ozone layer which shields the earth from solar radiation and said such cooperation should swiftly be extended to combatting the greenhouse effect.

Scientists predict huge coas-

The declaration called for tal areas will flood as a result

ing a new body.

Signatories of the declaration at the Hague's peace tion at the Internapalace, home of the Interna-Egypt, Zimbabwe and the Ivory Coast and the prime The non-binding agreement ministers of Spain, Sweden,

> The 24 states involved were chosen to represent a balance between developed and under-developed nations. Addressing the conference,

the King said: "The right of human beings to live is the most sacred of of life is an integral part of

atmosphere. Our beautiful planet with which the Almighty God has blessed mankind is being subjected to brutal attacks by modern man.

"Human beings all over the world have many things in common, but the one element that they all share equally is the atmosphere. The outer space of our planet belongs to all mankind. It is not subject to the nations' territorial sovereignty or national airs-

"As is any threat to the

delicate balance of nature in our globe or around, it affects the lives of human beings and the four corners of the earth. It can only be dealt with on a global basis. No individual state or nation can handle the problem on its own; nor can any individual state or nation afford to ignore it. The problem our planet faces does indeed requires vital, urgent and global attention. It is for these considerations as well as among others that I'm honoured to sign the Declaration human rights. And the quality of the Hague. This is our modest contribution to the that right. That quality is new beginning of tackling the being threatened now by the problem, and it is a very

Following are highlights of the text of the Hague Delcaration. "Witout prejudice to the international obligations of each state, the signatories acknowledge and will promote the following princi-

A. The principle of developing, within the framework of the United Nations, new institutional authority, either by strengthening existing institutions or by creating a new institution, which, in the context of the preservation of the earth's atmosphere, shall be responsible for combatting any further global warming of the atmosphere and shall involve such decision-making procedures as may be effective even if, on occasion, unanimous agreement was not

B. The principle that this institutional authority undertake or commission the necessary studies, be granted appropriate informa-tion upon request, ensure the circulation and exchange of scientific and technological information...

C. The principle of appropriate measures to promote the effective implementation of and compliance with the decisions of the new institutional authority, decisions of which will be subject to control by the international court of justice. D. The principle that countries to which decisions taken to protect

the atmosphere shall prove to be an abnormal or special burden, in view, inter alia, of the level of their development and actual responsibility for the deterioration of the atmosphere, shall receive fair and equitable assistance to compensate them for bearing such a burden. To this end mechanisms have to be developed.

deciding to confront it and this noble and glorious task is to be. a worthy endeavour for this . "Finally, I wish to express worthy cause.

"This joint effort is not only tion to the leaders and gov-

sound new approach for our duty, but it is also the realising the problem exists, right of our future generations. The least we owe gensuggesting ways and means to erations to come is to preserve muster the collective effort of the eco-system for them as all the nations in the world in God created it and intended it

our gratitude and apprecia-



HM King Hussein

ernments of France, the Netherlands and Norway who gave attempts to protect and preserve the planet's environment a global dimension and who initiated our movement and made the signature of this declaration possible.

"I am proud that Jordan was invited to be one of the original signatories o the Hague Declaration.
"I sincerely hope and pray

that we will soon witness the endorsement of this declaration by every member state of the United Nations.

"Our meeting here today is an eloquent testimony of our full determination and total commitment to globe. I am confident we will succeed in our efforts for, will failure is not an obtion, sucess success becomes infected."

# Israeli conflict through an intermeet with a number of other national peace conference, Petra leaders attending the conference.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Saturday

## Kohl welcomes ACC, voices **EC** backing

CAIRO (Petra) — West German Chancellor Heimut Kohl has voiced the European Community's (EC) welcome and support for the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) which was proclaimed in Baghdad Feb. 16. In a statement published by the

Al Ahram daily of Cairo, Kohl said that the EC's cooperation with the ACC countries would continue and increase for mutual benefit. The EC countries, he added, will do what they can to promote the Middle East peace process to restore the legitimate rights of the Palesti-



Helmut Kohl

Symposium on ACC

A symposium will be held in Cairo Thursday to discuss the ACC and its importance for the region. The seminar, organised by the Egyptian Society for Economic and Industrial Information, will be attended by several

## Indian dairy expert to share experience with Jordan

Board in Anand, India, Dr. Varghese Kurian, is currently paying a three-day visit to Jordan as the guest of the Higher Council for Science and Technology. Dr. Kurian, well-known as the

AMMAN (J.T.) — The chairman and managing director of the National Diary Development father of the "dairy revolution" in India, will hold talks with senior Jordanian officials and discuss issues pertaining to the development of the dairy industries in Jordan. He will also share his

former Mexican foreign minister.

The announcement said "the

central message of the report is

that famine still threatens the

"Specific nutritional diseases

Another main conclusion of

the report is that "hunger is

rooted in the problems of under-

development and poverty; in a

failure to share the food and

wealth of our Earth, within and

between nations; in inequitable

access to education, health and

remunerative employment; in ra-

multiple crises that are afflicting

the nations and people of our

globe: the crises of food, popula-

"Such crises are exacerbated

by the problems of debt and trade

protectionism. All these crises

are essentially man-made; human

error or neglect creates them,

human complacency perpetuates

them but human resolve could

"Poverty itself is part of the

cial and gender biases.

tion and environment.

eliminate them."

continue to cause great suffering

and death, despite the availability

of food surpluses in the world."

lives of millions of people.

# sides in Jordan. **WFC** voices alarm over famine threat

NICOSIA (AP) — A World under the chairmanship of WFC Food Council (WFC) announce- President Eduardo Pesqueira, a ment warned Friday the famine situation in the developing world is likely to deteriorate further if there is no concerted preventive

A WFC announcement said that "ecological destruction resulting from unsustainable agricultural practices creates famine risks throughout the developing world.

It added that "the situation is likely to deteriorate further unless there is concerted action and a firm political commitment by governments and all concerned to make the human condition the central focus in the development process."

The announcement said this was one of the main conclusions of a WFC report to be discussed at the council's 15th ministerial

session in Cairo May 22-25. The report deals with the implementation of "the Cyprus initiative against hunger in the world," which was adopted at the last WFC ministerial session held

in Nicosia last May. The report was drafted by a consultative committee which met in Nicosia Mar. 9 and 10

nian people in their homeland. ministers and senior officials.

# Israel juggles forces in occupied territories

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Saturday that trained border police would replace Israeli reserve soldiers in parts of the occupied West bank and Gaza in what he described as a bid to reduce violence in the 15-month-

old Palestinian uprising.

In an interview with Israel Radio, Rabin also said he had received indications from leading Palestinians in the occupied territories that they approved of his proposals for a poll in the territories to elect delegates to peace talks with Israel.

The underground leaders of the uprising have rejected the

Rabin said the border police and army conscripts able to serve in the occupied territories for at least several months at a time would take over from reservists in centres of violence.

"Part of Gaza will be the responsibility of the border police. part of the refugee camps will be under the jurisdiction of the border police," Rabin said.

are being done in (the West Bank)," he added.

The Israeli press has reported investigations against border policemen for sexual harassment of women in Gaza, beatings of Arab labourers in Tel Aviv and demanding free goods from merchants in Ramallah.

Israeli troops shot and wounded nine Palstinians in clashes in the West Bank town of Hebron and in Gaza City Saturday, according to reports.

In Ramallah, Palestinians hurled a petrol bomb at an army vehicle, causing damage but no injuries. The army closed off the area and made several arrests, Palestinians said.

The death toll in the revolt hit 400 Friday when a Palestinian shot in the Gaza Strip town of

Rafah died of his wounds. The border police, who have been much more effective than soldiers in quashing protests without inflicting casualties, began replacing soldiers in the Gaza

Strip Thursday. Rabin said he hoped they "Parallel to this, similar things Bank highways where Israeli cars confirmed two wounded.

are frequently stoned by Palesti-

Rabin also clamed Palestinian leaders have expressed support for his proposal to hold elections in the occupied territories in order to choose a delegation for direct peace talks with Israel. "I have received hints that the

approach I proposed appeals to not just a small number of the leading figures among the residents of the (occupied) territories," Rabin said.

Rabin's remarks came after leading Palestinians rejected the plan, saying the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was their sole representative and that elections could only be held after Israeli withdrawal.

'The people here will not elect a leadership to be in competition the PLO," Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freii said Saturday. "It will only drive a wedge between us and our brothers on the outside.' In clashes with troops Saturday, four Palestinians, including a 12-year-old boy, were shot and wounded in the Gaza Strip, Arab would soon be patrolling West hospital officials said. The army

# lwhere it hurts —

worth \$666 million

TEL AVIV (AP) - The Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip cost Israel's economy 1.2 billion shekels (\$666 million) in 1988, Israel Radio reported Saturday. Former Economics Minister

Gad Yaacobi blamed the losses mainly on greater military spending, an increase in army reserve duty, a drop in production and tourism, and difficulties in attracting foreign investment, the radio said.

The uprising-related costs nearly wiped out Israel's economic growth, initially forecast at 2.5 per cent, the radio quoted Yaacobi as saying. In-stead, Israel's \$35 billion economy grew by one per cent in 1988, considerably less than the five per cent in 1987.

In a related developmen Defence Minister Yitzbak Rabin was quoted as saying Saturday he decided to shift the burden of putting down the uprising from reserve soldiers to regular troops and specially trained border police units.

The interview was broadcast a day after the army shifted some of its troops out of Gaza Strip refugee camps.

Paying for thousands of reserve is proving costly. The defence ministry has estimated the cost of combating the uprising is about 25 million shekels (\$14 million) a month.

The uprising has also hurt tourism, with only about 1.3 million tourists entering the country in 1988, down 14 per cent from the previous year. Israeli officials had expected 1988 to be a banner year because of the state's 40th anniversary celebrations.

Production was burt because as many 30,000 of the 110,000 Palestinians employed in Israel have quit their jobs.

At the same time, the sale of Israeli goods to the occupied territories fell 70 per cent in 1988 to about 250 million shekels (\$140 million), according to the industry ministry.

The gross national product of the occupied lands has shrunk from \$1.5 billion in 1987 to \$1.2 billion in 1988. according to Palestinian economist Samir Abdullab.

chairs the first meeting of the Royal Jordanian International Consultative Council (Petra photo)

# **RJICC** holds first meeting in Amman

the Regent, Saturday opened the first meeting of the Royal Jorda-Council (RJICC) at Plaza Hotel.

Royal Jordanian Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Ali Ghandour addressed the conferees. He said that "owing to His Majesty King Hussein's care, Royal Jordanian (RJ) — after 25 years of service - has become one of the first class airlines."

Crown Prince Hassan played a key role in running RJ affairs while serving in the post of chairman of the board of directors, he added. Expressing pride in achievements attained in the field of civil aviation, Ghandour said ter Elias Saba, and Ghandour.

AMMAN (Petra) His Royal that success can only be measured Highness Crown Prince Hassan, in the future achievements. The RJICC was formed recent-

ly to give advice with regard to RJ nian International Consultative activities on the international level. It includes Najib Halabi from the United States, former British Defence and Transport Secretary John Gilbert, Member of Stockholm Council Klaus Palme, Executive Director of the IATA Jeoffery Lipman, head of the Arab-American Association James Abu Rezk, former Lockheed President Robert Konally, Director of the British Transport Institute Elster Pof, Deputy President of Transport Agencies agents in Japan Fomio Tamora, former Lebanese Defence Minis-

# **Gulf peace talks** could be delayed

could delay a new prolonged round of Guif peace talks that the United Nations hoped to arrange by the end of this month, according to a senior negotiator said Friday.

After consultations this past week with representatives of Iran and Iraq, Jan Eliasson, the U.N. special representative, told reporters that another preparatory session might be necessary prior to a ministerial session.

Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar proposed last month at a joint meeting with foreign ministers Ali Akbar Velayati of Iran and Tareq Aziz of Iraq that they hold talks in New York under his auspices in the latter part of March.

"I don't want to go into the date options, but several alternatives have been discussed," Eliasson, who is Sweden's chief U.N. delegate, said Friday.

Mentioning the upcoming month-long Ramadan fast for observant Muslims, he said: "We will wait for reactions to meetings during that period."

An Iraqi source said Iraq did not object to holding talks during Ramadan, which begins April 7 or 8 -- the exact date depends on the sighting of a new moon — but that the Iranians did not like the

Other sources said a date in May, after the fast was over, now appeared more likely for the next ministerial round.

"I would say we are making

UNITED NATIONS (R) - The of the talks and that we hope that Ramadan fast that begins in April this progress will continue and that it will then be evident on the ministerial, political level," Eliasson said.

He said he would report to Perez de Cuellar on the preliminary consultations when the secretary general returns here next week from an Asian tour. "I will also discuss with him

whether there is a need for further preparatory meetings with the two sides," he said.

He reaffirmed that a decision remained in principle to hold a ministerial session in New York.

The secretary general has said that this should be held away from U.N. headquarters, so that he may be freed of office distractions, and Arden House, a conference centre in Westchester County, has been suggested as a

Eliasson was asked about the flooding by the Iranians of the no-man's-land in the Khusk region in order to create an obstacle between forward positions occupied by the two armies, which Perez de Cuellar has caused a violation of the ceasefire accord that went into effect Aug. 20.

"The flooding issue is an important and serious one," Eliasson said, adding that the Iranians had informed th United Nations they wanted to solve it.

He said it was the sort of thing that a joint military group proposed by the United Nations but not yet established could take up. Eliasson said the ceasefire was

some progress with it comes to holding, but the situation had to finding the framework, the shape be watched very carefully.

#### Iran bid for OIC backing expertise with the concerned over Rushdie seen failing sanjani said Tehran's campaign NICOSIA (R) — Iran lobbied

the Muslim world Saturday to use the Rushdie row as a political stick to beat the West but an Arab news agency said the Ira-nian effort was likely to fail.

An Iranian envoy, Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati, has nearly ended a tour of seven Gulf states to gain support for Iran's campaign at a meeting of Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) foreign ministers in Saudi Arabia

"The OIC should adopt a decisive stand against the novel so as to prove to the world that the Ummah is united and will never allow its sanctities to be insulted," the Iranian news agency IRNA quoted him as telling the emir of Kuwait.

But the official United Arab Emirates (UAE) news agency WAM said the 46-member OIC would resist any Iranian attempt to make a political issue of Rushdie's book "The Satanic Verses."

"There is a general trend, backed by most Arab states, not to give the subject any political dimension," said WAM, quoting conference sources in Riyadh. It said the OIC would discuss the book only in its cultural com-

Iran's powerful Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Raf-

against Rushdie had already born fruit, helping spread the Iranian revolution.

"A new door has been opened in the confrontation between Islam and the devious trends in the world and we are witnessing in a way the export of the revolution all over the world," he told a meeting attended by spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah minal." Khomeini.

"The world is beginning to understand that the real conflict is between the West's colonialist motives and anti-religious thoughts, and Islamic ideas as well as the desires of the poor and justice-seeking people of the world."

Khomeini's order for Muslims the West and led to Iran cutting ties with Britain, where Rushdie first published the book and is of "The Satanic Verses." now in hiding under police guard. Iranian sources said Tehran might also cut relations with West Germany, which has taken a

death threat. Marches in Britain

Anti-Rushdie protests which began soon after "The Satanic

thousands of British Muslims took to the streets of two English Police said marchers in Slough, west of London, and Leicester,

central England, denounced

Rushdie as the devil and waved

banners declaring "Satanic Rush-

Verses" was published in

September continued Saturday as

die" and "Don't protect the cri-IRNA, monitored in Nicosia said the Kuwaiti emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah. assured Jannati of his support over the Rushdie row. which the Iranian described as a "plot mas-

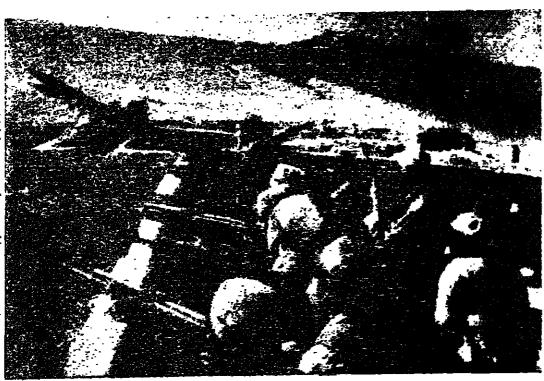
smear Islam and God's last Prophet, Mohammad." The agency said Pakistani to kill Rushdie last month Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yabrought a storm of outrage from qub Khan, now visiting Tehran, also called for firm action by Muslim states against publication

terminded by global arrogance to

"I hope the OIC will take a decisive stand to condemn this book," IRNA quoted him as telling Iranian Foreign Minister Ali tough stance against Khomeini's Akhar Velavati.

The Iranian newspaper Kayhan International said foreign support for Rushdie and his book had demonstrated that Iran's policy of trying to improve ties with the West was doomed.

# Intifada lhits Israel



Afghan Mujahedeen waiting to ambush government troops Friday after capturing a government

picket at Samarkhel in eastern Afghanistan along the highway to neighbouring Pakistan

Meanwhile facing a fierce rebel attack on Jalalabad and other

eastern cities, Najibullah asked

the United States and the Soviet Union Friday to intervene,

according to media reports.

"As one of the guarantors of

the Geneva accords, I ask you, in

light of your responsibility, to

take immediate necessary mea-

sures and prevent, by every possi-

ble means, a further intensifica-

tion and aggravation of the situation," said Najibullah's message, read on Kabul Radio and moni-

tored by the British Broadcasting

Soviet Union signed the U.N.-

brokered accord last April under which Moscow has pulled out its

Both sides reserved the right to

arm their side if the other does so, and both repeatedly have accused the other of breaking the

accord over the course pullout, which was completed Feb. 15.

TASS reported fierce fighting around the Jalalabad Airport,

with rebels launching artillery

shells, missiles and anti-tank

guided missiles at Afghan army

positions, and the government

troops responding with concen-

Heavy casualties

and supply routes. Separately, it

reported shelling of the Kabul Airport, with no loss of life.

Radio Kabul, monitored in Islamabad, said Thursday that

500 Pakistani military personnel

were killed in Wednesday's fight-ing near Jalalabad.

On Thursday, Afghan govern-ment radio reported that 20

Pakistani and U.S. advisers were

killed during a battle with govern-

ment troops in eastern Nangarhar province. The U.S. Department

of Defence denied the report,

saying there were no American

Sources close to the guerrillas

Jalalabad is 72 kilometres west

of the Pakistan border and on the

main highway linking the Afghan

advisers in Afghanistan.

several days.

Government casualties

The United States and the

Corporation (BBC).

# Guerrillas threaten Jalalabad

# Rebel interim government meets inside Afghanistan

SHOAWI, Afghanistan (AP) - Rebels who hope to lead an interim Islamic government in Afghanistan held their first meeting in their homeland as hundreds of guerrillas toting assault rifles and heavier weapons stood guard.

Friday's session in eastern Paktia province, about 12 kilometres from the border with Pakistan, took place at a rebel training base the insurgents call "Sayyaf University" after Rasul Sayyaf, a fundamentalist rebel leader who is designated prime minister.

The proposed government, announced in February after a sometimes fractious meeting of the seven Pakistan-based rebel factions, hopes to take power if Afghanistan's Communist leadership falls.

But the rebels have found it difficult to resolve internal divisions between those who favour a heavily theocratic government and those of a more secular

All the Pakistan-based rebels are Sunni Muslims and the eight Shi'ite Muslim guerrilla groups based in Iran have not participated in establishing the proposed internal government. The latter say they did not have

## Arafat urges Bush to help "Palestinians

DflAKA (R) - Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat urged President George Bush Saturday not to hesitate and to help Palestinians achieve independ-

"We are not asking for the moon. We are simply asking for international legality to be implemented," Arafat told a news conference.

"President Bush must shake off his hesitancy and formulate a policy for peace," he said at the end of a 24-hour visit to Bangladesh.

"We know that self-determination is one of the main principles of the American people. They fought for their selfdetermination against the Brit-हाः ish empire,'' he added.

Arafat earlier held talks with President Hossain Mohammad Ershad in which they discussed the Middle East and Afghanistan, a presidential aide said. He also laid the foundation stone of a Palestinian embassy to be built in Dhaka\_

enough representation on a consultative body formed by the powerful Sunni Muslim rebels based in Pakistan.

Gulbaddin Hekmatyar, leader of the fundamentalist Hezb-I-Islami rebels based in Pakistan, recently went to Iran in a new attempt to persuade them to join.

This is the first meeting in a free atmosphere inside Afghanistan," Sayyaf declared Friday at a news conference in a hillside

Outside guerrillas lined the rocky hills scanning the sky for signs of enemy airplanes or mis-

Nabi Mohammadi, named interim president at the Pakistan meeting, Sayyaf and seven cabinet ministers attended the

Sayyaf said the cabinet will total 28 when all portfolios are

#### Only Saudis recognise rebel

Sayyaf declined to disclose details of Friday's meeting but said they would meet again soon "closer to Kabul." He said that once all the cabinet posts are filled his government would begin laying the groundwork for elec- son to 15,000.

So far only Saudi Arabia has recognised the insurgents' gov-

Soviet troops completed a United Nations-brokered withdrawal on Feb. 15. The Soviets left the country's key cities, including the capital. Kabul, in the hands of Afghan troops but insurgents

claim control of the countryside. Soviet forces began entering the country a decade ago to shore up the government of President Najibullah against the rebels, known as the Mujahedeen, or

Islamic holy warriors. Mujahedeen leaders say Najibullah's largely conscripted army will be decimated by defects, and predict his government will fall shortly. But Najibullah who uses only one name, has claimed his forces are strong and well-provisioned by the departing Soviets.

The rebels have pledged to hold elections throughout Afghanistan within the next six months said fighting has been heavy as a step toward forming a around Jalalabad during the past parliament and drafting the constitution of a post-war Islamic republic. However, their efforts have been marred by continual

# BEIRUT (R) — Lebanou's civilian

government army units pledged Saturday to use force if necessary to end a port blockade by rival military government troops.

As tension rose over the sixday-old action against militia-run ports, attempts by an Arab League committee to reconcile Lebanon's civilian and military governments appeared to have

The committee chairman. Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, said more time was needed for consultations and proposed the committee's next meeting scheduled

for Friday be postponed.

The civilian government section of the regular army, led by Major-General Sami Al Khatib, said in a statement the port blockade by military Commander Michel Aoun was provocative.

"The army command will take all needed measures to ensure freedom of navigation along the coast," the statement said, adding that Aoun would be responsible for "any negative repercussions on all ports in Lebanon."

Lebanon ports battle heats up

The statement did not specify what Khatib's 15,000-strong Syrian-backed troops might do. But a source told Reuters: "Either all ports will be open, or no ports at

Aoun, who commands some 15,000 troops, heads the military government vying for power with the pro-Syrian one led by Acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss.

Aoun is trying to assert his authority over the seven pirate harbours run by Falangist and opposition militias.

His troops, backed by four gunboats and a few ageing Hawker Hunger jet fighters, have already intercepted two cargo ships near ports run by the opposition militias and diverted them to the port of Beirut, controlled by Aoun's army units.

Opposition militias have said they will not give up the ports without a fight.

Since the blockade, both sides have fought in mountains south east of Beirut and along the city's

In proposing a postponement of the league committee meeting in Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah appealed to Lebanese factions to act reasonably and cooperate with the committee.

Political sources in Beirut said leftist and pro-Syrian leaders had threatened to boycott the March 17 gathering because they had reservations about the sectarian basis on which invitations had been issued.

The committee began talks in Tunis in January with Lebanon's two rival prime ministers and parliament speaker and met Lebanese spiritual leaders in Kuwait last month.



Firemen trying to extinguish burning cars after a carbomb exploded near the American University

Hospital in west Beirut this week. The blast killed two women and wounded 21.

## Sudan parties, trade unions boycott premier

CAIRO (AP) — Leaders of The leaders did not say what Sudan's trade unions and political they would do if Al Mahdi failed parties decided to end consulta- to comply, but their move will: tions with Prime Minister Sadeq certainly put him in a corner since Al Mahdi on forming a new he is being pressured by the army government in an attempt to to form a broad-based cabinet

force him to resign. Sudanese capital Khartoum, said year-old civil war in the south. the decision came after a fivehour meeting late Friday.

apparently were heavy, as TASS Representatives from Al reported reinforcements "making Mahdi's ruling Umma Party and up for recent losses in manpowthe Muslim fundamentalist er" brought the Jalalabad garri-National Islamic Front did not TASS said rebel leaders have ordered a massive coordinated coalition cabinet. shelling attack on all large cities

> reaction from Al Mahdi. The agency said the meeting decided to send an "ultimatum"

There was no immediately

Najib's message also to Al Mahdi through the State repeated earlier claims that Council, a collective presidency, asking him to step down within 24 Pakistani troops were massing on the border for an attack. Pakistan has denied its military was or planned to be involved in the

that could reach peace with the The Egyptian Middle East rebel Sudan's People's Liberation News Agency, reporting from the Army (SPLA) and end the six-

> The army gave Al Mahdi an ultimatum to that effect in February and renewed its conditions

The army's ultimatum implied the threat of a military take-over, attend the meeting. The front is a and Western diplomats said that partner in Al Mahdi's present while senior generals did not seem ready to overthrow Al Mahdi, the same could not be said of junior officers.

The crisis began in January when the Democratic Unionist Party, the second largest in the Sudanese parliament, quit Al Mahdi's government to protest his refusal to endorse a tentative government in the north.



Sadeq Al Mahdi

peace agreement it worked out with the SPLA Nov. 16.

Al Mahdi's refusal to endorse the agreement apparently stemmed from his fear to lose the support of the front. The front opposes freezing the controversial Islamic laws, a SPLA pre-condition for making peace with the

# Missing banker reappears

Roger Tamraz reappeared in Beirut Friday and denied reports he had been kidnapped and held to ransom.

Tamraz, 48, checked into the seaside west Beirut Summerland Hotel shortly before sunset.

"I was not kidnapped," he said in an interview with the Associated Press. "I was on my own doing my own thinking." Tamraz said the ransom report

was "based on rumour and fig-ment of the imagination, and there's nothing to it." Earlier Friday, however, a

BEIRUT (AP) - Prominent the banker was freed after Lebanese international banker arranging to pay the final instalment of a \$3-million ransom. The Voice of Lebanon radio

said Thursday that Tamraz was

being held by Elie Hobeika, commander of a militia in the eastern Bekaa Valley town of Zahle. The report said that Hobeika, a

former commander of the Lebanese Forces, the main rightist militia, was forcing Tamraz to pay the total sum of \$3 million he claimed was owed him. Tamraz, who is a United States

resident, headed the Al Mashrek Bank until last December.

The Tamraz associate, who Tamraz business associate told spoke by telephone from Paris the AP in Nicosia, Cyprus, that and declined to be identified, said

a "loan instrument" had been fixed to transfer the final \$750,000 in ransom money to the kidnappers through a Swiss bank. He said Tamraz' release had been delayed for two days while the loan was arranged.

An initial payment of \$1.5 million Feb. 24 was followed Wednesday by second transfer of \$750,000 from a Paris bank, the associate said.

The Tamraz associate and Beirut newspapers said the banker was abducted by armed men Feb. 19. On Tuesday, after the second payment was finalised, Tamraz phoned his Paris office and said, "It's finished now. I will be with you in 24 to 48 hours."

#### MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Israelis assault U.N. troops

TYRE (AP) - Israeli troops beat up four United Nations peacekeepers near their headquarters in the Lebanese border town of Naqoura, security sources in South Lebanon said Friday. The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said six Israeli troops went into a restaurant on the main road to Nagoura, harassed and slapped three Swedish and one Irish soldier before confiscating their cameras and films. The Israeli troops accused the four U.N. soldiers of taking pictures of an Israeli-made Merkava tank they were aboard before entering the restaurant, the sources said. The incident Thursday was the latest in a series of attacks by Israeli troops against peacekcepers serving with the U.N. Interim Force In South Lebanon (UNIFIL). On Tuesday Israeli troops drove a tank into a group of UNIFIL vehicles after the peacekeepers detained an Israeli military convoy at a checkpoint in South Lebanon. No U.N. soldiers were injured although several vehicles were damaged, according to U.N.

#### Israel frees Palestinian activist

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Israel has freed a Palestinian human rights activist who had been adopted by Amnesty International as a prisoner of conscience. Workers at the Al-Hag (law in the service of man) human rights organisation in the occupied West Bank said that Zahi Jaradat. 24, was released Wednesday when the order for his detention expired. He had been held for a year without trial. Jaradat, who lives in Hebron in the West Bank, had worked as a field researcher for Al-Haq since 1982. Colleague Marty Rosenbluth said he had been detained twice in Israel, in 1985 and last year, and was adopted by Amnesty on both occasions. The American-based Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights has also named Jaradat as a human rights activist jailed without trial. Rosenbluth said three other Al-Haq workers were currently jailed without trial or charges in Israel.

#### 887 candidates to run in Iraq poil

BAGHDAD (AP) - The government Saturday said 887 candsdates will run in the general elections April 1 for a national assembly. A list released by the government election organisation committee showed that only one senior Baath Party member, one minister and few senior party and government officials have registered as candidates. There are 51 women running. The election for the 255 seat assembly, the Iraqi parliament formed in 1980, were postponed twice. It was originally scheduled for Aug. 3 last year. But after Iraq accepted a United Nations-sponsored cease-fire in the Gulf war, the ruling Revolutionary Command Council postponed the vote until March 3. The election, the third ever, was postponed again to allow more independent candidates to run. In the last election, held in the middle of the eight-year war with Iran, 740 candidates ran, including 46 woman. Most of the winners were party and government officials.

#### Vincennes-related blast tightens security

SAN DIEGO (R) - U.S. navy authorities have tightened security after a bomb attack on the wife of the captain of the USS Vincennes which shot down an Iranian airliner in the Gulf with the loss of 290 lives. The stepped-up security followed the blast Friday that ripped apart a mini-van driven by Sharon Rogers, wife of Captain Will Rogers, whose warship destroyed the Iran Air jet in July. Investigators say the bombing could have been in revenge for the shooting down of the airbus. Police took Rogers and his wife, who was uninjured, to an undisclosed location, believing they might be targets of further attacks. The Vincennes fired on the airbus in what naval authorities said was a mistaken belief that it was an attacking Iranian F-14 fighter. Officials tightened security at all installations in San Diego, home to a number of naval stations, and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents began a probe into the incident.

#### Saudi Arabia beheads four

NICOSIA (R) - A Filipino woman and three Yemeni men were Friday. The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said the woman, whose name it gave in Arabic as Rina Linda Nida, was beheaded in Riyadh after being convicted of strangling a young Saudi girl. The Yemeni men were executed in a square in the southern town of Faisalia. They were found guilty of raping a seven-year-old Saudi boy who then died. SPA, received in Nicosia, named the men as Aziz Abdou, Said Ibrahim and Faisal Yehia but not say whether they were North or South Yemeni.

#### **Bush to meet Arens Monday**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens will meet with President Bush Monday to discuss the Middle East peace efforts and other issues of interest to the region, according to a White House announcement. Arens will also meet with Secretary of State James A. Baker III and with members of Congress during his three-day trip to Washington, said White House Press Secretary Marin Fitzwater Friday. Fitzwater said Bush did not have any new Middle East peace initiatives to suggest to Arens. He declined to be specific about what Bush might bring up. Topics could include the recent State Department human rights report that criticised Israel's armed forces for excessive violence in putting down Palestinian uprisings in the occupied territories. Arens' visit comes as the Israeli army shifts some of its troops out of Gaza Strip refugee camps to reduce tension and fatal clashes in the teeming Palestinian communities.

#### Syria, S. Yemen cooperation talks

DAMASCUS (R) - Syrian Defence Minister Major-General Mustafa Tlas Saturday met his South Yemeni counterpart Colonel Saleh Obeid Ahmed to discuss military cooperation, diplomats said. Obeid who arrived in Damascus Friday, told reporters his visit was aimed at promoting the defences and cooperation between the armies of Syria and South Yemen. "The visit will give positive results in achieving many accomplishments in various fields especially in the military field," he said. He said visit was important due to the current political and military developments in the region and the international arena, especially the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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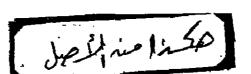
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## Ramtha meeting to discuss development

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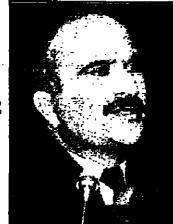
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RAMTHA (J.T.) — The border city of Ramtha will host a general meeting Sunday under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan to discuss the development process in Ramtha District.

: A set of working papers dealing with ideas and proposals for implementing industrial, agricultural, health and cultural projects will be reviewed by the participants who include the presidents of Yarmouk University. Jordan University of Science and Technology and the heads of local councils.

Heads of government departments involved in projects in Ramtha, such as the Housing Corporation, the Land and Survey Department, the Agricultural Credit Corporation, the Tele-communications Corporation and production of animal feed.



HRH Crown Prince Hassan

the Jordanian Industrial Estates Corporation, will be represented

The main papers, according to a preparatory committee, deal with the development of agricultural sector focusing on the development of 225 dunums of land around the city.

One of the papers deals with better utilisation of the wastewa-ter treatment plants in Ramtha and Irbid to irrigate lands for the

# **Conference to create Federation** of Arab Anti-Cancer Societies

AMMAN (J.T.) — Different be declared during the confer-forms of Cancer will be scruti- ence. nised at a conference due to open Her Majesty Queen Noor.

been organised by the Jordan up-to-date equipment. Anti-Cancer Society in coopera-tion with the National Medical Ministry and the Jordan Medical Association (JMA), according to Dr. Walid Turk, the society presi-

He said that the conference, the first of its kind in the Arab World, will be attended by both Arab and foreign specialists, who will review papers, deliver lectures and hold extensive discussions dealing with the disease. According to society sources the creation of a Federation of

Arab Anti-Cancer Societies will

Jordan currently treats cancer at the University of Jordan on patients at Al Bashir Hospital in March 21 under the patronage of Amman where the Centre for Radiology and Nuclear Medicine The three-day meeting has was recently upgraded with new

The NMI board of trustees on March 7 gave its approval for the Institution (NMI), the Health establishment of a specialised cancer centre and appointed a committee to choose an appropriate site for the projected centre, adjoining one of the institution's hospitals.

Ministry of Health sources said last summer that nearly 60 patients visited the centre at the Bashir Hospital on a daily basis to receive treatment, which is only

available there.

Dr. Turk said that Arab and ings and dialogues to exchange foreign specialists attending the conference will hold side meet- ment experiments.



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Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Thougan Hindawi Saturday receives the visiting Syrian Minister of Higher Education in Amman

Hindawi, Assad and

Syrian team discuss

versity staff.

AMMAN (Petra) — Deputy Prime Minister and

Minister of Education Thougan Hindawi Saturday.

met in his office with visiting Syrian Minister of

Higher Education Kamal Sharaf and discussed

bilateral cooperation in university education and the

exchange of expertise.

The issue of conducting joint

research by universities and re-

search centres in Jordan and

Syria was discussed at the meet-

ing which was also attended by

the Minister of Higher Education

Accompanying Dr. Sharaf on

his visit are presidents of Aleppo

University, Tishreen University,

in addition to the Vice President

Sharaf and Assad met earlier at

the Ministry of Higher Education

and discussed cooperation in the

field of higher education between

Jordan and Syria. Assad briefed

Sharaf on matters related to

Jordanian universities and the Kingdom's educational phi-

Sharaf arrived here early Satur-

day on a four-day official visit to

Jordan and was greeted upon arrival by Assad and senior gov-

Sharaf and his accompanying

delegation are expected to hold

further talks during their stay in

Jordan and will tour universities

and educational institutions.

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Jordan and met with its president

Abdul Salam Al Majali to discuss

university programmes and pros-

pects of exchange visits by uni-

Majali briefed the visitor on

the university's activities and fu-

ture plans and presented Dr.

Sharaf with a token gift. Majali

accompanied the visitor and his

delegation on a tour of the

Also present is the Minister of Higher Education Nassereddin Al Assad (Petra photo)

#### NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

ROYAL DECREE: A Royal Decree issued Saturday entrusted Deputy Prime Minister Thougan Hindawi to take over the duties of Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem during the latter's absence

12 PROJECTS EXEMPTED FROM TAXES: The Cabinet Saturday approved of 12 Jordanian industrial projects as economic projects entitled to benefit from tax exemptions provided for by a law on encouraging investments. These industries have been set up to produce paper, wood, and plastic products. (Petra)

HASHISH PEDDLER JAILED: The military court has sentenced Saad Abdul Majid to three years imprisonment and the payment of JD 1.500 for trafficking with hashish. The military governor Saturday endorsed the sentence. (Petra)

CHILD THEATRE FESTIVAL: The Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) will organise a three-day child theatre festival in Aqaba starting March 13. The festival, which will include a puppet show, is to be held at the NHF's Aqaba centre which was opened by Her Majesty Queen Noor in 1986. The centre is an integrated unit including a nursery, a kindergarten and other facilities for the benefit of children, financed by the Jordan Ports Corporation and the Aqaba Region Authority. (Petra)

MAP EXHIBITION: A week-long exhibition of the Tuebingen Atlas of the Middle East was opened at Yarmouk University Saturday following a similar display at the University of Jordan last month. The exhibition displays a collection of Atlases on the region's history and geography, outlining habitation areas and the activities of inhabitants over the ages. (Petra)

SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS: Mu'ta University President Dr. Ali Mahafza Saturday opened the fourth scientific experiments exhibition at the university. The ten-day exhibition is designed to conduct scientific experiments and applications related to scientific subjects taught at the secondary stage. (Petra)

250 FIRMS BOYCOTTED: The Ministry of Finance and Customs has issued a decision imposing an embargo on 250 foreign companies in accordance with the provisions of the unified Arab law which deals with boycotting Israel. The law also includes lifting the embargo imposed on 120 foreign companies after they amended their policies in accordance with the provisions of this law. (Petra)

ANANI MEETS IRAQI MINISTER: Iraqi Military Industry Minister Hussein Kamel Hassan Saturday received Royal Scientific Society President Dr. Jawad Anani. They discussed matters related to industrial and scientific cooperation within the framework of the Arab Cooperation Council. (Petra)

CAMPAIGN AGAINST ILLEGAL LABOUR: Labour Ministry Secretary General Dr. Saleh Khasawneh Saturday visited Amman Labour Ministry's Employment Office and expressed satisfaction with the campaign the ministry is launching to identify foreign labourers who work in Jordan illegally. The director of the office explained the policy adopted in this regard and the successes attained so far. (Petra)

2 SHOT IN RAMTHA: Two people, one 15-year-old and the other 23 years of age have been admitted to Ramtha Government Hospital Friday after being shot in the shoulder. According to Sawt Al Shaab they were attending a wedding ceremony at Al Shajarah village when the incident occurred. (J.T.)

**WHAT'S GOING ON** 

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed

**EXHIBITIONS** 

☆ An art exhibition ba Mohammad Bolis and Munira Al

A plastic art exhibition by Noelle Shawa at Alia Art Gallery.

☆ A graphic art exhibition displaying works by German artists Liebermann, Slevogt and Corinth at the Jordan National

☆ An art exhibition by Egyptian artist 'Adli Rizqullah at Al

An art exhibition by seven Jordanian artists at the Art Gallery

★ An art exhibition by Riham Ghassib entitled "Jordan in Spring" at the Royal Cultural Centre — 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

★ An exhibition entitled "The Tuebingen Atlas of the Middle East" (and a seminar with Dr. Kamal Abdul Fattah) at the Yarmouk University — 3:00 p.m.

LECTURES

☆ A lecture, in Arabic, entitled "The Palestine Question in the

A lecture, in Arabic, entitled "The Jordanian Dinar" by

A lecture, in Arabic, by Prof. Dr. Ulrich Haarmann entitled

 $\dot{\mathbf{x}}$  A lecture organised by Amideast to be delivered by Jordanian

\* A lecture on the history of earthquakes east of the Mediterra-nean Sea by Dr. Zuhair Al 'Issa at the Biology Auditorium, the

A feature film entitled "Annie Hall" at the American Centre -

A feature film entitled "The Draughtsman's Contract" at the

\* Documentary films on Deutschlandspiegel at the Yarmouk

the Yarmouk University — 12:00 noon.

American Centre - 5:00 p.m.

University of Jordan — 12 noon.

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Future" by Dr. Assad Abdul Rahman at the Orthodox Club —

Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Jordan Dr. Maher

Shukri at the Ferabi Building, the Yarmouk University - 3:30

"Nation and Fatherland in Medieval Christianity and Islam" at

graduates from U.S. on fields of study — engineering, applied health, business, computer science in the U.S. — at the

of Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., 3 - 6

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#### Dajani visits Madaba district, inspects development programmes sponsibility in the construction being carried out, including hous-

Minister of Interior Rajai Dajani Saturday inspects development programmes in Madaha district.

Also present is Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin and the Madaba district governor (Petra

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Dajani also urged local coun-

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the minister was briefed by Amman Governor Mohammad

MADABA (Petra) — Interior Minister Rajai Dajani Saturday made an inspection trip to Madaba, south of here, and met with District Governor Khalil Khreisat as well as heads of government department and local councils.

The minister was briefed on Madaba district's development programmes and discussed schemes to be implemented within the current 1986-1990 five-year development plan.

Dajani urged local councils to embark on production projects and to control spending as much as possible.

He also underlined the important task of supervising and following up of development and services projects.

Dajani said, the Ministry of Interior was keen on setting up suitable buildings to house administrative departments and provincial offices.

He also stressed the need for involving public and private sector elements in shouldering re-

# minister visited the University of ing delegation (Petra photo) Khreisat on various projects Ali Al Amin.

ing projects.

Khreisat said a total of JD

the first part of the five year

development plan in Madaba dis-

The minister also visited Dhi-

ban district, and reviewed with

the district governor the services

and schemes included in the plan.

Dajani was accompa

Minister of Tourism Yanal Hikmat Saturday receive a Finnish police delegation currently on a visit

## Committee calls for data bank on electric power

AMMAN (J.T.) - A three-day seminar by the Informatics Committee of the Arab Union of Producers, Transporters and Distributors of Electricity, ended in Amman Saturday, voicing sup-port for the idea of creating a data bank on electric power in the Arab World to provide technical and economic data on electric energy production.

A statement issued at the end of the meeting said the committee also urged Arab countries to link their electricity department computer systems to facilitate the flow of information among Arab states and benefit from Arabsat programmes related to electricity

and affiliated fields. The statement referred to a joint Egyptian-Jordanian project to link the national grids and their associated computers which it described as a model for other

The delegates, representing Jordan, Syria, Bahrain and Egypt, discussed plans for unifying technical terms and specifications on electric power production and distribution in the Arab World.

They also discussed means of gathering information related to power generation in the Arab World, plans for the interconnection of grids and an exchange of information and publications on

Jordanian tourism weeks in Finland

RJ, ministry seek to organise

Kingdom. Hikmat spoke on Jordanian-Finnish Cooperation in tourism and said that His Majesty King Hussein's visit to Finland in Autumn 1987 was instrumental in promoting bilateral cooperation in all fields.

The minister expressed hope that Finland will send more tour-

ist groups to Jordan.

RJ has been organising two
weekly trips from Helsinki to Aqaba during the winter season. According to the statement these trips could be increased in view of the rising demand in Finland on visits to the port city during the winter season.

# Training seminar opens on raising seed production

seminar in agricultural seeds technology opened at the University of Jordan Saturday.

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The

Ministry of Tourism and Royal Jordanian (RJ) are currently

studying the prospect of organis-

ing Jordanian tourism weeks in

Finland, and agreement on final

arrangements are expected to fol-

low a meeting by the joint Jorda-nian-Finnish Economic Coopera-

tion Committee, according to an

The announcement said that

the committee was scheduled to

hold its meetings in Helsinki in

following a meeting in Amman by

Minister of Tourism Yanal Hik-

The announcement was made

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announcement here Saturday.

the five-day meetings.

Snobar noted that the seminar a project it is currently carrying number of agricultural areas.

AMMAN (J.T.) - A training out in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Jordan Cooperative Organisation

Taking part in the meetings are sed the opening session outlining lecturers from the University of the topics to be discussed during Jordan, the JCO and the Ministry of Agriculture.

meeting with the minister by the director of a tourism agency in Helsinki which has been involved in organising the trips. The director said that Jordan has many attractions which could be visited by the Finnish tourists apart from the city of Aqaba. According to the statement the weekly trips are part of a joint

were accompanied during their

RJ-Ministry of Tourism activities and programmes to encourage tourism in the Kingdom.

#### Majali receives Finnish team

The Finnish team members were received by His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein at the Public Security Department (PSD), and the department's director, Abdul Hadi Al Majali, explained security arrangements and training courses for police officers.

Majali also spoke on endeavours by the PSD to combat crime and drug trafficking in cooperation with Western European countries.

The team also met with the director of the Amman Police Department Yousef Gharaibeh to discuss police organisation as well as the duties involved in them and the comprehensive security concept in Jordan which was initiated three years ago.

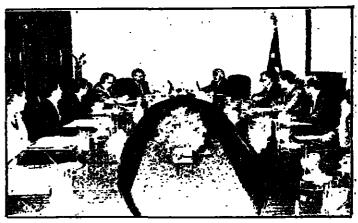
campus.

The Syrian minister accompanied by Assad later called at the Advanced Teachers Training. College and was briefed on its development and plans.

He toured classrooms and met with teaching staff and students to exchange views on teaching ser-

The college, which opened its doors last October, was set up by the Ministry of Education to provide higher training to Jordanian teachers in various specialisa-

A similar college was opened last month in Irbid and a third one is due to open in Karak in



Minister of Higher Education Nassereddin Al Assad Saturday holds Also Saturday. the Syrian talks with his Syrian counterpart, Kamal Sharaf, and the accompany

#### Orphans' fund to acquire shares in Islamic bank AMMAN — The Orphans' Fund is to acquire a share in the pro-

jected National Islamic Bank which will soon be set up in the Kingdom, and plans to invest JD 1 million in its capital, the fund's director Dr. Abdul Salam Al Abbadi announced Saturday.

The capital of the new bank will be owned jointly with the Jordan Engineers Association, the Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund and the Jordan Bank, Abbadi said in an interview published in Al Dustour daily.

He said one of the bank's tasks

will be to handle the funds of nearly 30,000 Jordanian orphans now under the fund's trust.

The orphans' fund, which was established in 1972, now owns JD 19 million much of which is being invested in development projects to earn money for the orphans who own the deposits, Abbadi and their savings.

He said that the Orphans' Funds were not deposited in banks to earn interest but invested in projects to the orphans. benefit on a purely commercial, basis, since receiving interest is contrary to the teachings of.

According to Abbadi, the, orphans' capital is now gaining. them profits at the rate of 7.4 per cent, depending on the economic situation and the profits of the different projects invested in.

He said that the orphans' fund is currently holding contacts with the Jordan Cement Factories Company, Yarmouk University and Mu'ta University to enter with them in a major investment ргојест.

Abbadi said that the orphans' fund takes care of the orphans



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# Some explanation needed

THE ARAB World would welcome any meeting between U.S. President George Bush and American Jewish leaders if the purpose is to win their support for a durable and just settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflicts.

Arab comfort and satisfaction with any such dialogue between the U.S. government and the American Jewish community would also be more complete if the U.S. president invites representatives of the other side to hear them out. Singling out the Jewish community in America as partners in the American articulation of Washington's policy towards the Middle East strikes the Arab side, whether in America or in the Middle East, as overtly unfair and unbalanced.

But be that as it may, the words and policy statements that were attributed to President George Bush during his meetings with two Jewish American delegations - one from the Republican Party's National Jewish Coalition and the other from the Conference of Presidents of major American Jewish Organisations - give the Arab World considerable concern. The American president has been quoted by the attending Jewish leaders as ruling out any possibility of applying pressure on Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir when he visits Washington and the White House next month. One would pause here to inquire whether Washington has subscribed to the philosophy of "friendly persuasion" in dealing with the tough and intransigent Israeli prime minister. But that is not all. What worries the Arabs everywhere is the assurance given to the Jewish leaders that Washington will not acquiesce to an Israeli withdrawal to the 1967 borders or the creation of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. And for dessert, the U.S. president has been quoted as assuring Tel Aviv that Washington is totally committed to maintaining Israel's qualitative military edge over any combination of Arab military forces. As if all this is not enough, American Jewish leaders emerged from the meeting with the distinct message that Washington hopes to even strengthen its strategic cooperation with Israel.

To be fair, one must wait for the official American version on the meeting before making final judgements. On the face of it, the picture emerging from the meetings in question is alarming. Washington would be well advised to offer its own version of what exactly has transpired between President George Bush and the American Jewish leaders. There is plenty of room to suspect a deliberate attempt to disseminate disinformation by the Israeli and Jewish side in order to broaden the cleavage between the U.S. and the Arab World. The answer to all such queries must await the full elucidation of the American position on the Arab-Israeli conflicts. Hopefully this could be done soon.

## **JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS**

Al Ra'i daily newspaper Saturday tackled King Hussein's visit to Holland where he will take part in an international conference on the protection of the environment. The paper said that the King's participation reflects his interest in contributing towards protecting the world from the danger of pollution, a policy adopted in the Kingdom and pursued with all possible means. But the King is also scheduled to hold meetings with world leaders taking part in that conference to discuss the Middle East peace and the region's issues, the paper said. It noted that the King's visit will be part of his on-going endeavours world-wide to find a solution to the Palestine problem, and proves that he is not losing any moment or sparing any effort in this regard. The King is careful to benefit from the current East-West detente and the relaxed world political atmosphere to bring direct attention towards the Middle East issue, the paper added. It said that there is need not only to protect the world's environment from pollution but also real need for peace to protect the peoples of the world from further conflict

A columnist in A! Ra'i daily newspaper comments on Israel's continued drive to abort the on-going U.S.-PLO dialogue over the Middle East issue. Ibrahim Sakkijha says that the United States had taken a bold step by opening the dialogue with the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, but Israel is now intensifying its efforts to foil all meaningful talks leading to a settlement. The writer says that the Bush administration which is still reassessing the situation in the Middle East is falling under continued Zionist pressure in Washington and from Tel Aviv to halt the talks with the PLO. The writer notes that Washington is holding out in the face of Israel's pressure; and the Arabs indeed hope that the United States will finally free itself from the Zionist influence once and for all, and embark on even-handed policies in dealing with the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestine problem. One example of Washington's positive stand in this regard, the writer says, is the latest statements by U.S. officials that resistance activities conducted against Israel from Lebanon do not create any obstacle in the path of the PLO-U.S. dialogue which is meant to end the whole conflict in the area.

Al Dustour daily newspaper tackled the on-going uprising in the occupied Arab territories which, it said, has now entered its 16th month. The paper said that the past 15 months proved the futility of Israel's iron-fist policy, and the failure on the part of its military machine to quell the Arab spirit of resistance. The paper said indeed the sacrifices offered by the Palestinians and the continued and determined struggle have won the Palestinian people worldwide support and brought about splits within the Israeli society and between political leaders. Above all, the paper said pressure from various nations on Tel Aviv and the numerous difficulties confronting the Israeli government have also contributed to the present unstable policies conducted by the Israeli leaders and their unstable behaviour as to the right course of action to deal with the situation. The more brutal the Israeli soldiers are and the more intransigent the Israeli government is, the more determined the Palestinian people will become to liberate themselves and their lands from occupation, the paper concluded.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

# Financial adjustment for public corporations

financial prudence. Perhaps the tructure, already in place, was measures taken were not as tough and radical as the difficult circumstances require, but they for many years to come, without were fairly strong and substantial, as indicated by 1989 budget, which has the same size of the and facilities may urge the govprevious year's budget in absolute numbers, despite the sub- element and enhance the efficient stantial decline in the domestic running of the public utilities. purchasing power of the dinar of around 20 per cent, resulting rational policies should not be from the dinar's depreciation of confined to the central govern-31 per cent during 1988.

The government also took a sweeping decision to suspend all capital expenditure on infrastruc- public sector, which is far larger ture projects unless such projects

sufficient to fully satisfy our needs for basic services now and further additions. In fact, blocking new purchases of equipment ernment to improve the human

Financial adjustment and confined to the central govern-ment and its subdivisions and departments. It should go further down the road to reach the whole than the central government. Suf-

THE government finally adopted a policy of relative austerity and based on the fact that the infrassector's autonomous institutions and corporations make no less than 50 per cent of the budget of the government proper.

> Unfortunately, very little prog-ress, if any, has been made on this front. Public corporations did not yet embark on a self-sufficiency programme or endeavour to achieve financial surpluses. They still depend heavily on financial subsidy from the government, either directly or indirectly, and thus they continue to be a drain on foreign currencies and public funds which the economy cannot afford any more.

failed to perform the very duties they were created to perform, and accordingly must be written. off without delay. The Housing Corporation, for example, could not sell its products in the market and beat the private sector except after giving a big discount of around 40 per cent of its direct

its performance. A thorough examination of the public sector corporations will reveal that the Housing Corporation is not the exception. Other corporations should be either altered or written off altogether due to their failure to function

cost. This is approximately the

rate of waste and inefficiency in

do a better job without costing pany. the government a penny, but instead providing it with addition-

Some other corporations could not be simply written off, because they are state symbols, or provide a service which we should not depend on foreign corporations to perform for us.

In such cases we should cut the fat, remove the dead wood, and cut down these inflated corporations to size, in order to make maintain prestigious activities un- trated so far that the will is there.

'Ye shall blot them

out to the last man'

The following article, written by Yitzhak Shamir, was published

ALL the chatter, indeed the entire complex people have against the

resort to terror, may be rebutted via easily understood arguments

- exposing the true face of those who advocate the "legal," the "democratic" way, showing how much terrorism is in fact concealed under these guises. But we do not wish to take this easy

road, and we will therefore here disregard that option and allow

citizens on both left and right to keep their illusion that there own

methods, and those of the government, do not constitute terrorism.

We instead take it upon ourselves to defend the hardest position,

i.e., to reduce the concept of "terrorism" to its narrow form of

menace and assassination of one's enemy using mines, bombs and

so forth. All of proper society, both left and right, as is known, is always "shocked" to the depths of its corrupt soul by such deeds, and stands ready to aid the ruling regime in bringing these anarchist terrorists to the scaffold and eliminating them. But this

same society is not willing to do so if, for example, 769 passengers from the Struma are legally murdered, along with tens of thousands of others who might have been saved but were not. That

is not terrorism — that's at worst, a "bad law" or "brutality."

Neither Jewish ethics nor Jewish tradition can disqualify

We are far from having any moral qualms as far as our national

war goes. We have before us the command of the Torah, whose

morality surpasses that of any other body of laws in the world: "Ye

shall blot them out to the last man." We are particularly far from having any qualus with regard to the enemy, whose moral degradation is universally admitted here.

But first and foremost, terrorism is for us a part of the political

war against the occupier. The real terrorist hides behind his stacks of paper and of laws he himself legislated. (Our terrorism) is not aimed at persons, but rather at representatives, and therefore it is effective.

effective. If, in addition, it shakes the Jewish population out of its

complacency - so much better. Thus, and only thus, will the battle for liberation commence.

terrorism as a means of combat.

Certain public corporations has economically, or because the pri- less they are run properly just like vate sector can replace them and any private shareholding com-

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

Furthermore, public sector corporations will not adjust volumtarily. Austerity, prudence and rationality should be imposed on them. In fact this job is more orgent than the austerity of the central government itself, if we were serious about such policies, in order to adjust our position. overcome our difficulties and use the crisis as an opportunity to correct the drifting trends

Of course it takes guts to face the challenge and control those them feasible or affordable. In who think they are beyond concrucial times we cannot afford to trol, but the government demons-



# Pressure grows on Bush to formulate Middle East policy

By Maher Mouasher Special to the Jordan Times

RECENT Soviet diplomatic moves in the Middle East, coupled with intensified efforts by the PLO and other Palestinians and Arabs to bring Israel to the negotiating table, are likely to spur greater U.S. involvement, according to most expert reports.

The recent visit by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to Syria, Jordan, and Egypt, and his meetings with PLO Chairman Vasser Asset Chairman Yasser Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens have received large amounts of press attention in the U.S. The attention focused on the new role that the Soviet Union is likely to play in future peace negotiations and what response the U.S. administration might have in the form of new initiatives of its own.

Thus far, the Bush administration has been wary of jumping into the situation with a hastily drawn up initiative that might have little chance for success. President Bush seems to want to avoid at all cost a result similar to the failed Reagan peace initiative several years ago. The failure of the Reagan initiative moved administration away from an active role in the Middle East and contributed to the lack of diplomatic movement by the Israelis during Reagan's second term as U.S. president.

George Bush is determined to

gain a better understanding of the dynamics of the region before he makes a major push of his own as U.S. president. Towards that end he spent a good part of the time that he was in Tokyo attending the late Japanese Emperor Hirohito's funeral in meetings with Middle Eastern leaders including His Majesty King Hussein and President Mubarak of Egypt. This flurry of meetings, coupled with expected visits by many Arab leaders to the U.S. over the next couple of months, and an expected trip to Washington by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir soon, should help Bush formulate a position fairly quick-ly, and he will likely be devoting more attention to the Middle

Until then, the U.S. is not likely to make major moves in the Middle East, according to U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, in spite of the increased Soviet presence. While that remains the official position, the Soviet moves have increased the pressure on the U.S. to act in the region, and will still likely contribute to a faster U.S. time schedule for involvement in the Middle East.

Yasser Arafat on Israel to join in negotiations are bound to increasingly prod Bush to action. Arafat's recent meeting with Israeli media, and the video tape, with Arafat that was shown in Israel addressed to Israeli audiences have presented the Israeli government with a strong appeal to negotiate. The refusal by Shamir to even consider these negostrongest ally in a very difficult position, and the pressure increases on him daily to act on the

Along with the articles that regularly appear by U.S. Jews in the American press urging support for Israel are an ever increasing number of articles critical of Shamir and in favour of talks with the PLO as the only way to achieve peace. These articles in-

Shevardnadze's visit is not the ure Israel towards the negotiating only factor that will make George table. A recent article in the New Bush increase his focus on the York Times by Menachem Middle East. The high profile of Rosensaft, a member of the Presthe situation in the U.S. press and the greater push by PLO leader Organisations, called on Bush to pressure Shamir to action. He was deeply critical of Shamir, saying that "Mr. Shamir and other Israeli hardliners reject any plausible peace overtures" and asked the Bush administration "not to be misled into believing that Mr. Shamir's views accurately reflect Israeli public opinion." He went on to say that "it is ...naive to think that Mr. Shamir tiations has put Bush, as Israel's will present a credible peace proposal when he visits Washing-ton this spring. More likely, he will put forward yet another public relations scheme designed to deflect attention from his intransigence." Rosensafts views reflect those of a growing number of American Jews. He was one of the first prominent American Jews to meet with Arafat last fall

in Geneva, and his position is increasingly finding greater acceptance in the U.S.

East his number one priority. He has things like the John Tower nomination and the new U.S. budget to take care of in Congress first. But with the Soviets moving forcefully, with American Jews making noise, and with the PLO pushing for peace, the Mid-dle East will be a high priority in the Bush administration's agenda and the Americans will become more active in the region soon. You can at least count on that

stream of headlines from the intifada as a constant prod to action. Every day, headlines like "Israel's handling of uprising on trial," "The Palestinian Cost: to Be Young and Maimed," and "2 more Palestinians killed" greet Americans in the morning, and reflect the urgency that must be accorded towards achieving dialogue for peace. George Bush is not likely to immediately make the Middle

there is, of course, the continuing

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# Palestinian women evolve as their world changes

By Gail Fitzer Reuter.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM -Palestinian women are winning higher social status because of their vital, front-line role in a 15-month revolt in the Israelioccupied West Bank and Gaza

Strip.

Emerging from the shadows of conservative Arab society, they have become demonstrators and community organisers, though Palestinian feminists say there is a long way to go.

Israeli troops clashed last Tuesday with Palestinian women marking International Women's Day a day early with marches in the West Bank towns of Ramallah. Hebron and Kalkilva.

In Ramallah soldiers arrested 17 women, forcing them into army jeeps, and hit and kicked others who tried to stop them from making the arrests.

ses said at least three women were wounded.

Slogans on walls read: "Men and women, hand in hand, will escalate the uprising" and "equal pay for equal work."

The role of women in the intifada is as important as the role of men and because of that women are more confident about themselves and are respected by society," Zahira Kamal, Director of the Jerusalem-based Women's Troops had standing orders to Work Committee, told reporters.

"At the same time the women's movement is united now and that added. will help them to achieve their social rights.

"Women participate in demonstrations as much as the men. Some demonstrations are only women... hundreds of women have been imprisoned even though many of them have chil-dren," Kamal said.

Al-Haq, a Palestinian Human Troops fired rubber bullets to Rights Organisation, said in a

disperse the women and witnes- statement issued for International Women's Day that 28 women and girls have been killed by Israeli troops firing live, rubber or plastic bullets during demonstrations in the West Bank and Gaza.

More than 500 Palestinian women have been arrested during the revolt and 18 have been jailed without trial, Al Haq said.

The Israeli army does not keep separate casualty figures for women, a spokeswoman said. avoid confrontations with women and children where possible, she

The total death toll in the uprising is 398 Palestinians and 16

Sexual harassment

Al Hao said: "arrests are often followed by periods of interrogation marked by physical and psychological torture as well as sexual harassment... 'Administrative detentions

have targetted activists in the Palestinian women's movement. It said many women had suf-

fered fractured limbs and broken ribs from Israeli beatings.

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Kamal said women played a significant role in visiting the wounded and distributing food in towns and villages under curfew.

Women are also active in first aid, food, agriculture and teaching committees run by the underground leaders of the uprising, she said. Hanan Mikhail Ashrawi, dean

of the arts faculty at Bir Zeit University, said Palestinian women had become a more significant political force during the uprising, taking part in decisionmaking.

"The status of women has improved because they are visibly seen not only as participants but as being effective participants by taking initiatives and sustaining

Despite their new social importance, Palestinian women are still far from achieving equality in their traditional society.

"Equality needs a social change, political rules and civil rules and under occupation you couldn't get that," Kamal said.



# Exposure, exposure, exposure

This is the second of a two part report on how television influences contemporary society By Joshua Mevrowitz.

# 'Illegal logging' caused the killer floods in Thailand

By Charunee Normita Thongtham

The scale of the recent floods in Southern Thailand is being blamed on illegal logging and mining — a lucrative trade backed by gun-toting thugs who had suppressed villagers' protests

BANGKOK — Thailand's prime rubber plantations. minister, Chatichai Choonhavan, has banned all logging activities in southern Thailand after the devastating November flash

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The floods triggered an avalanche of felled logs — which buried the villages of Khiriwong in Lan Saka district and Tambon Nua Klong Ranaeh in Phipun district, Nakhon Si Thammarat province, some 800 kilometres south of Bangkok. The floods killed 355 villagers and destroyed 56,000 houses, 883 bridges, 618 schools and 163 temples in 14 southern

Some of the killer logs belonged to a timber company drew cries of protests from villawhich was granted a concession in augiers. whose community forests 1974 over 30 plots of forest in and fruit orchards were taken Phipun district. Legal logging was over for the planting of the fastsuspended in 1984, and re- growing exotic tree from Auopened in 1988. But "even when stralia." the forest was closed, illegal log-

parliament has alleged. Phra Siew Bunyachato, the abbot of Huay Ko Temple in Phipun district, in hospital with severe back injuries sustained in the flood, said villagers protested

vere told to shut up or be killed. He described how two years ago he led a group of 200 villagers the district office to complain but they were told officials

against the illegal logging but

were powerless to help. Villagers recall that, shortly afterwards, a group of gunmen appeared and threatened to kill anyone who continued to protest. Four villagers and a district officer have since been murdered, and the killers have not been apprehended.

A large number of tin and tungsten mines in forest reserves in adjoining areas of Nakhon Si Thammarat's Muang and Lan Saka districts are being operated without authorisation and blasting has affected the soil struc-

ture," he said. Conservationists say that log-ging, both legal and illegal, combined with slash-burn cultivation and construction of huge hydroelectric dams has reduced Thailand's forest cover from half the land area to less than a fifth (15 per cent to 18 per cent) at present. Officially, Thailand claims 29 per cent forest cover, on the basis of a Landsat satellite survey in 1985, but conservationists say this included fruit orchards and

Dr. Somsak Sukwong, dean of the Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University, has estimated that between 1961 and 1985 over 500,000 hectares of forest were being destroyed each year in Thailand.

But over the last half century, the Forestry Department was able to reforest at only one fiftieth of that rate - 10,000 hectares per year - according to the 1987 annual report of the Thailand Development Research Institute.

Furthermore, despite extensive commercial tree planting during the past two years, the trees planted were eucalyptus, which Dr. Sukwong blames the situa-

tion in lack of planning and lack of control of loggers, both legal and illegal.

After the floods, Prime Minister Chatichai allocated \$40 million for flood relief, and personally distributed foodstuffs and other necessities to victims. He imposed an indefinite ban on all logging activities in 12 provinces in the south in December. Minister of Agriculture Sanan Khachornprasart also announced that reafforestation will begin in

The ban on logging has not. however, appeased student leaders and environmentalists, who are now demanding that all concession rights be revoked.

"A temporary ban on logging in the south not solve the forestry crisis because it does not guarantee that logging would not be allowed to resume" said Renoo Phaisalpanichakul of the Committee for the Conservation of Natural Resources and Environment, which groups students from 16 universities and insti-

The government has said that. before ending concession rights, must first make sure that the move is within the law to keep loggers from suing the government. But there are those who say that the real reason why the government cannot revoke concession rights is that some powerful politicians are themselves involved in the logging business -

Word communications and expressions have completely different strengths and weaknesses, and until recently, they each reigned supreme in different realms of society. While expressions have an important role to play in personal, private relationships, they are severely limited as a form of public argument and discussion.

Television has brought about a blurring of these two forms of interaction. We now respond to public events and people in terms of their personal appearance, gesture and emotion.

Recent polls show that many eople will vote for a candidate they disagree with on the issues because they say they like the candidate personally. This dichotomy of response to personality and stands on the issues make sense only in a television culture. If we read a candidate's speeches in a newspaper, it would be insame for us to say. "This is all nonsense, but you know some-thing, I like the guy." Such a reaction only makes sense when we feel we have met and "know" our leaders personally. And television gives us that feeling.

Few people can be masters of both expression and communication. Thomas Jefferson was a beautiful and clear writer, and he has been considered by many to be the most intelligent U.S. president. But he would not make a very good TV president. He had a slight speech impediment, and he was voted the homeliest student at William and Mary College. Worst of all, he disliked speaking in public so much that he never addressed congress in person; instead he sent his State of the Union speeches to Con-

gress to be read by a clerk. The emotional, charismatic reaction to TV hurts theatre in two ways. Not only does the loss of interest in language hurt drama, but it was once the case that theatre held an edge over real life, and over poetry and literature, in terms of fleshing out public characters. An actor would literally "give a body" to types of people we could not watch so closely in real life. People from different walks of life - kings and paupers, famous people, living and dead — would be brought to life for us by the theatre.

#### Reality

But now the standard by which we measure theatre's distance or closeness, its verisimilitude or distortion, is not real life, but television and other electronic media. And on TV, we experience people at a simulated intimate distance. Theatre suddenly seems more distant than reality - a reality that is composed of vicarious interactions with our many media friends.

The more we see and hear them, the more performers, newscasters, politicians, talk-show hosts and subjects of the news become part of our extended network of friends. Some of them are there to say "good morning" to us; others come to say "good night," They speak to us as we eat dinner and sing in our ears as we jog. We see their nervous twitches and the twinkles in their eyes. We are aware of their colds and haircuts, their good days and their bad days. Through television, we develop a sense of intimacy with those who were once distant. We come to feel that we really know a John Lennon or a Christa McAuliffe, the teacher-astronaut who died

when the space shuttle Challenger exploded. We feel we've met their family members and understand who they are as people. Hence the difficulty today of writing a play about someone like Christa McAuliffe. On the day of the accident, millions of people felt they knew Christa, that she was their friend, their neighbour, their teacher. Many people would rather see a documentary drawing on actual news footage than see an actress portraying Christa. And when such media friends are

portrayed in biographical plays or "docu-dramas," it makes more sense to many people to experience the drama on TV rather than in a theatre, because watching it on TV is closer to the original "real experience" - that of seeing the people and events

Even in nonfiction and history, thee has always been dramatic reconstruction of people's lives. We forget some things about people and invent others. Thomas Jefferson's speech impediment or Abraham Lincoln's high, squeaky voice are rarely mentioned or re-created, and we made up stories about George Washington cutting down the cherry tree. But such forgetting and inventing depend on not having a detailed visual and aural record, of people. By giving us visual and aural memories and "realistic" video records, TV has narrowed the range of believable dramatic recreation.

But is television reality? Of course not. Television is a construction and reconstruction of reality. And here is another problem for traditional theatre. It might be said that theatre was once a commentary on society or reality. But to have a separate commentary there must be a perceptible line between reality and theatre, between fiction and nonfiction, between action and comments on actions. And television has increasingly blurred the line between what we perceive to be drama and what we perceive to be reality.

Even news shows on television

are constructed fictions, with electronically meshed images that take place not in the real world, but only on television. Often when TV interviewer Ted Koppel speaks with three guests on a live programme such as "Nightline" a seemingly real event — the event exists only on television. Koppel and the three guests are not in the same place; their conversation is a dramatic construction played on the stage of television. Or to push this further. what is the nature of the reality of hostage-taking when the event is designed by both hostage-takers and journalists to make good TV

#### Drama

Perhaps it is because of our subconscious awareness of the construction of reality on TV that we use the word drama so loosely to refer to almost everything on known and bewildering future.

one from presidential candidates to television evangelists, the less reflect recently reported news willing we are to grant the theatre its lifeblood: suspension of disbe-Television doesn't simply expose some of the former back-

The more we are aware of the

stages of life and then leave the culture; it stays around to absorb and transmit the result. TV is an ever-present dynamo that reprocesses our culture. It brings about structural changes, then the changes are reported on TV as news, then the changes move into soap operas and TV dramas and situation comedies, which leads to further backstage exposures, which bring about further changes, which are reported on the news, and so on. So TV is a tightly wound spiral of change that winds backward on itself as it

thrusts us forward into an un-

Meyrowitz's insights into the role of television in the United States are increasingly relevant to other cultures. In 1986, there were over 625 million television sets in the world, one

Although the author's point of departure here is the explicit challenge the small screen presents to a competing medium — the theatre — he addresses the covert challenge TV makes to us all: to use language and reason to connect the dots behind the shimmering images.

tor every eight men, women and children.

TV: a hostage drama, a dramatic confrontation on "Nightline," a dramatic new discovery in fighting cancer. On television, not only does reality become drama, but drama becomes reality. When a programme such as "Roots" appears on television, everyone realises that it is fiction, not reality. But the widespread knowledge of the programme and of all the discussions of it on news and talk shows, in schools and at work - transforms it into a real social "event."

Another way that television

blurs the difference between theatre and reality is that it has made us all more aware of the dramatic structure of everyday life, making the theatre seem less special. Americans were once relatively unaware of the staging of presidential roles, for example. They were distant from the president and his advisers; they saw only the "onstage view" of the president. Many people lived through 12 years of Franklin Roosevelt's presidency without being aware that his legs were crippled and that he carefully controlled his onstage image. In revealing more, television demands more manipulation and control — and yet the new media reveal so much that they also make the president's need for control and advice more visible.

The new hyper-awareness of 'life-as-drama'' has made us all more suspicious of theatrical "role-players," and less comfortable with boldly drawn characters both in real life and on the stage.

Changing

Television's rapid and continuous reworking of our culture presents another challenge to theatre by changing the social backdrop to drama. Theatre depends on fiction being separate from reality not only to encourage audiences to enter a theatre but also for the construction of a meaningful drama in the first place. It is much easier to comment on a relatively stable outside world, where everything and everybody has its place. Writers and directors need things to stand somewhat still for a generation, at least a decade - at the barest minimum, a few years. Otherwise by the time a book or play about the culture appears, the culture may have changed. But TV fosters a continuously changing pre-

The constant reprocessing of our culture and behaviour through television makes it more difficult to have timely commentary in theatre, fiction and poetry. The target moves too quickly to take careful aim. Every six months there is a new set of "in" terms, "in" people, hot topics, along with a new set of taboos words and topics that are now seen as overdone, sexist, racist or simply passe.

One of the things that makes television so compelling is that it seems to be an all-purpose medium of entertainment, commentary and news, with events that unfold before our very eyes. It has its own internal system of

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refers to new fictional programbackstage machinations of everymes and fictional programmes events. This unfolding and crossreferencing gives us the sense of television being in the "present tense" - anything can happen at any moment. In contrast, a movie or a book - and, ironically, even a live dramatic performance -seems canned by comparison, in the "past tense.

cross-reference, where the news

Theatre was once an obviously richer, denser form of experience than ordinary moments of living: now the differences are more subtle. The impact of dramatic timing is diluted as the rush of outside media events beckons.

The impact of drama is dependent on the isolation of the audience from other settings, from other actions, from other words, Every phrase, movement, prop and lighting effect is designed to contribute to a cohesive definition of the situation; of a tragedy or comedy, of a time past or present, of a certain set of characters, in a specific matrix of time and space coordinates. The play is meant to be the totality of the audience's experience. The audience can, of course, draw on earlier experiences to understand and interpret the drama, but the only new input is supposed to emanate from the theatrical production and all its visual and aural

Nothing could be further from the spirit of television than such a placebound experience. We don't interact with television in a darkened room to the exclusion of other activities. One recent study found that most people watch TV while doing other things: eating, playing, washing the dishes, talking on the telephone, reading, arguing or even making love. More than a third of viewers of a typical hour-long TV programme do not watch the programme to the end, and about 40 per cent search for another programme during commercial breaks.

channels, and video-cassette recorders have further splintered time and space. A programme recorded on videotape can be stopped, raced forward or pushed backward. Wireless remote channel controls allow for convenient travel through 40 or more channels, 40 or more different psychological spaces, without ever rising from one's couch. The newest generation of television sets even permits the viewing of two or more stations simultaneously, with smaller pictures inset in the corners of the screens. All this is more supportive of three-ring circuses that of traditional drama.

Cable TV, with its dozens of

#### Stimuli

ence of the television in terms of the simplistic complaint that people, especially children, have

We often talk about this influ-

"declining attention spans." but it is much more complex and pervasive than that. There has been a basic change in the sense of appropriate and normal experience. We have come to expect quickly shifting multidimensional stimuli.

The director of a university creative-writing programme complained to me recently about television's impact on writing, but then he added that when he attends a sports event these days, the live experience often feels flat, distant and thinly textured. He can't see the players close-up. he can't view the field from a quick succession of multiple angles, he can't relive actions through instant replays. Theatre goers no doubt feel some of these same things: that theatre is limited, thin, unidimensional. Our experience with TV makes us hunger for more. To sit in a theatre for two hours is, for many people, to be cut off-from numerous other potential experiences.

What can the theatre do to respond to the invasion of television? I'm afraid it is easier to describe some of the difficulties than to offer simple solutions. Certainly, it seems unlikely that people will stop watching television or stop using all the other electronic media, new and old, that give us a sense of placelessness and multiple-layered stimuli.

At the same time, it would be a mistake to try to ignore television and its effects. It would also be a mistake to abdicate to television's multimedia shows or visual/aural extravaganzas.

Rather than ignoring or giving in to TV. perhaps artists need to confront television more directly by helping us gain insight into the television experience. Their most powerful tool in this regard as the word. Language can dissect our experience with television.

Television images are produced by thousands of flashing dots that we perceive in a sensual gestalt. Drama and poetry because of their reliance on language - are capable of connecting the dots.

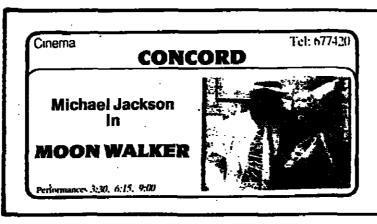
We do not usually see links between the elements on television. We tend not to notice the connection between the programmes and the commercials. We don't see contradictions: how the news report on pollution of underground water may be related to the manufacture of the products of the news show's spon-

Theatre can help us to think about such things. The TVdominated electronic landscape is one that affects almost everyone in society, vet TV isn't very good at commenting on itself. Theatre can fill the void. It can challenge us to think about TV by making the television environment a "character" in drama and by making the shared experiences of television part of what theatre analyses and dissects.



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# U.S. revitalises Third World debt initiative

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — In a significant shift of U.S. policy, Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady Friday proposed a plan to significantly reduce the core debt burden of hard-pressed Latin American

The plan, the first by an U.S. administration targetted at debt reduction itself, envisages creating pools of money from existing World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) resources and to reduce debt and guarantee interest payments of debtors.

Brady, in a speech to a conference on debt sponsored by the Bretton Woods Committee and the Brookings Institution, said:

"To support and encourage debtor and commercial bank efforts to reduce debt and debt-service burdens, the IMF and World Bank could provide funding, as part of their policy-based lending programmes, for debt or debt-

service reduction purposes."
Although the IMF and World Bank would set guidelines on how their money is used, negotiations and transactions will remain in the market place, "encouraged and supported but not managed by the international institutions," Brady said.

Treasury Department officials said Brady's plan was still in the proposal stage and that the details have to be negotiated with U.S. allies and the institutions involved.

The previous strategy, crafted in 1985 by former secretary of treasury James Baker, now secretary of state, relied on economic growth and new commercial bank lending. But the new lending never materialised.

Brady's proposal retains basic elements of the Baker plan that economic growth, reforms and new lending are important and that debt relief be undertaken on a case-by-case basis.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said President Bush had not been briefed on the details of the plan and had not made his final decision.

Treasury officials declined to discuss how much of the \$1.3 trillion debt burden carried by developing nations would be reduced under the plan, but said it

would be significant. "The magnitudes that would be involved would be quite substantial," said an official.

The proposal stresses voluntary negotiations between the debtor nations commercial banks, which Brady said he hoped would grant waivers to existing loan agreements to allow current debtors to

"We expect these waivers to

accelerate sharply the pace of debt reduction and pass the benefits directly to the debtor nations," he said, suggesting 2

three-year waiver period. "Our objective is to rekindle the hope of the people and leaders of debtor nations that their sacrifices will lead to greater prosperity in the present and the prospect of a future unclouded by the burden of debt," Brady said.

#### Volcker cautions against looking for 'magic elixir'

Former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker, who also spoke at the debt conference, cautioned against looking for a single "magic elixir" to solve the

"If not well-managed, a process of debt reduction clearly could be hazardous to the health of debtors and creditors alike," Volcker said in a speech before Brady's appearance.

Volcker said that the question which needed to be answered is whether the value of Third World debt can be reduced in an orderly manner that does not jeopardise the likelihood of repayment of whatever debt is left after the reductions occur.

#### Conable, Camdessus see need for more flexible approach

Both World Bank President Barber Conable and Michel Camdessus, head of the IMF, said a more flexible approach to the debt problem is needed, contending that debtor countries face economic and political crises without debt relief.

Camdessus said that the riots in Venezuela last week represented just one of several "time bombs" involving the debt issue which could explode unless solutions are found quickly. Those riots erupted after the government imposed tough austerity measures to please creditors.
"More has to be done urgently

by all," he said. "The debt strategy has to be given a second wind and broader scope."

Conable suggested that Mexico would be an excellent candidate to try the new approaches first because of the good-faith efforts it has made in the past to meet its financial obligations.
"Mexico has indicated a wil-

lingness to engage in major re-forms," said Barber Conable. "It has substantial prospects. It also has substantial debt, and it has

"The international financial community should offer Mexico a wider than traditional range of options to finance its requirements over the next few years," Conable said.

there should be a significant reduction in Mexico's debt, the largest in the Third World after Brazil's. Current loans to Mexico should be exchanged at a discount for long-term bonds, he said. This would be a form of debt forgiveness by the commercial banks to which the bulk of Mexico's debt is owed.

pay when the bonds came due. and interest paid in the interval would also be reduced.

terest Mexico has to pay;

ramme" which would allow banks to use the dollars they have lent to Mexico to buy shares in Mexican businesses;

 Strong support from inter-national bodies like his own bank and the IMF to support Mexico's austerity policies. Although Conable did not specify, this support would presumably include additional loans on more favourable terms than those offered by com-

- New tax, trade and banking regulations by creditor countries to encourage private investment from abroad that will help Mex-

He said that his bank and other international bodies cannot furnish the needed money alone, implying that new loans from commercial banks will also be

# Subroto foresees no cut in OPEC production quotas

Saturday as saying he foresaw no cut in OPEC oil quotas and \$18 a barrel oil in the second half of

Answering a question in Vienna on whether OPEC would follow non-OPEC producers in reducing oil output, he told the Saudiowned London-based Arabic daily newspaper Asharq Al Awsat: "No action from OPEC is ex-

Subroto said oil prices would reach \$18 per barrel in the second half of 1989 and OPEC has to choose between higher production or prices.

"Certainly... the price will reach \$18 a barrel," he told the

LONDON (R) — OPEC Secret- second half of 1989 demands will ary-General Subroto was quoted be higher and the prices will go up from \$16 now to \$18 and may be more.

> choose between maintaining oil prices of \$18 per barrel or going for higher production quotas and accept lower prices as a result.

> at more than \$18 by maintaining (current) production quotas or accept prices below \$18 and raise the production ceilings," the newspaper quoted Subroto as

Abu Dhabi's oil chief said newspaper. "When we enter the Saturday that OPEC is likely to

Abu Dhabi expects higher output ceiling

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Bankers await details

Bankers say that the U.S.

"There is a danger that people

will look at this and assume the

debt crisis is solved. The success

or failure will depend on the

details," said one U.S. banker.

focuses on debt relief and debt

reduction which previously were

But others said the proposals

While welcoming the ack-

nowledgment that both major in-

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agencies need to be involved to

tackle the debt crisis, they said

In particular, they expect

States relinquishing some of its authority at the IMF and World

Japanese officials said Japan's

States will have to put in more

also. With the U.S. budget de-

banker.

Bank," said one banker.

this may raise thorny issues.

a no-no," said another.

raised many questions.

"It's a major change because it

His first suggestion was that

Mexico would have less to re-

Conable also suggested: - "Exit bonds," to be taken by creditor banks at a discount from the sums now owed them. enabling some banks to get out of lending to Mexico. This would also reduce the principal and in-

- A "debt-equity swap prog-

mercial banks:

ico's income to grow.

'New money will be needed in Mexico's case even after significant debt reduction," Conable

# Bradley voices support

Senator Bill Bradley, a Demo-crat who is a frequent critic of the 1985 Baker plan, called the new proposal "a significant change of direction." But he warned that the policy would have no chance of success unless the administration of President Bush created a special post of "debt ambas-

# year, perhaps by more than five per cent to 19.5 million barrels

per day (b/d). Subroto said the group has to "It is very likely that sometime in 1989 OPEC will increase its quota from 18.5 million b/d - if not by mid-year then by the end of the year," Sohail Faris Al Mazrui, head of Abu Dhabi's "Either we keep the price high Supreme Petroleum Council, told

> "The ceiling should be increased by a minimum of half a million b/d to a maximum of one million," because of rising world demand, he said on a visit to Bahrain.

In November OPEC states agreed to cut output by more than 20 per cent to 18.5 million for the first half of 1989, aiming to almost double prices to a target of \$18 a barrel. The price now is

about \$16. Mazrui said the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) would have to accept lower prices if it increased

output.
A Reuter survey put OPEC crude output above its quota at about 19.65 million b/d in February.

Mazrui reiterated a UAE pledge to stick to its OPEC quota but said it would continue to press for a higher ceiling of 1.5 million b/d.

Former Saudi Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani told an energy conference in Bahrain Tuesday that Iran and Iraq were among OPEC producers likely to seek higher quotas to boost revenues.

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Bradley said this official would interest-rate relief — as demanhave to ensure that the debt ded by debtor countries for some reduction effort got off the time — were much as anticipated.

As for the financial repercussions, some U.S. bankers said that while the plan implies more lenient accounting practices, institutions will still be facing lower revenues.

treasury's plan to spur Third World debt reduction is a wel-"One way or another, banks come initiative but its success will will not make as much or will suffer write-offs," said one U.S. depend on details not yet appa-

#### France lands backing. Britain shows caution

In Paris, France welcomed the new U.S. plan to help ease the Third World debt burden but a cautious Britain said the new proposals would need very care-

ful study. French Finance Minister Pierre Beregovoy welcomed the move. saying it was a step in the right

"The United States accepts from now on that the debt reduction options play a major role in the treatment of middle-income countries' debt," Beregovoy said in a statement.

Japan — in return for providing increased financing — will demand a bigger say in the opera-tions of the IMF and World Bank "It is a step in the right direction, which meets the idea sugat the expense of the United gested by France for a multilateral guarantee fund aimed at "The Japanese monies could helping operators to reduce bank debt," he said. be conditional on the United

In London, a British treasury spokesman said the plan was interesting but would need very careful study.

Export-Import Bank will increase He said the world's main indusloans made in parallel with the IMF to debtor countries which trialised nations had already detake advantage of the new veloped a strategy that had made valuable contribution to the "Whatever amount of funds Third World's debt problems and

would continue to do so. comes from Japan, the United "The Brady proposals are an interesting extension of the existing strategy, which already inficit, that amount will not be substantial," said a European cludes the explicit option of voluntary debt reduction," the British spokesman said.

Bankers said key elements of Beregovoy said France would the proposal, with its focus on debt reduction through such help find ways to make fast progmechanisms as loan swaps or ress with the programme.

#### **ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS**

## Iraq asks Cyprus to reschedule debts NICOSIA (R) — Iraq has asked Cyprus to reschedule debts which

will reach \$22 million by the end of the year, the island's commerce and industry minister was quoted as saying Saturday. On his return from a visit to Baghdad, Takis Nemitsas said Iraq's economic obligations were so large as to deprive it of purchasing power despite a ceasefire in the Gulf war since last August. The Cyprus News Agency quoted Nemitsas as saying Iraqi officials proposed immediate repayment of \$8 million to Cyprus with the remainder spread over the next three years. Cyprus agreed to reply to the offer within 30 days. The minister said that while in Baghdad he discussed linking the debt with Iraqi oil exports to Cyprus but the proposal was rejected by Iraq's Finance Minister Hikmat Omar

#### Iran launches \$140m replanting project

NICOSIA (R) — Iran launched a 10 billion riyal (\$140 million) project Friday to replace millions of palm trees devastated in the Iran-Iraq war. Tehran radio quoted Construction Jihad (Holy War) Minister Gholamreza Forouzesh as saying 2.7 million of the 6.3 million palm trees on the banks of Arvand and Bahmanshir rivers were destroyed in eight years of fighting. The two armies fought over the area on the southern front during the first two years of the war and it was persistently pounded by artillery until last August's ceasefire. Forouzesh said 56 working groups would restore the palms to their pre-war numbers and rebuild the irrigation systems

#### Identification scares bank clients

ZURICH (R) - Bank Vontobel, a leading Swiss bank which specialises in managing funds for wealthy clients, said Friday that it had lost business because it insisted on knowing the identity of its customers. "We have lost business equivalent to around one per cent of customer deposits because lawyers or other representatives holding the accounts would not disclose the names of their clients,' chief executive designate Oskar Holenweger said. The bank had tightened its rules because of allegations by prosecutors in recent years that Swiss bank secrecy was being abused by criminals to "launder" money. Wealthy individuals often hold bank accounts in the name of their lawyer in order to protect their privacy. Holenweger told a news conference his bank believed its clients had a right to secrecy but it was determined not to be abused by

#### Turks want 440 per cent pay rise

ANKARA (R) - More than 24,000 Turkish iron and steel workers have decided to strike for a pay rise of 440 per cent, union officials said. They said the strikes at a factory at Iskenderun on the Mediterranean coast and another in the Black Sea town of Karabuk might start later this month. Workers at the factories, which account for most of Turkey's annual output of nine million tonnes of iron and steel, want pay equivalent to \$61 a month to rise to \$330. The workers, who rejected average rises of 138 per cent over two years, are among 550,000 public sector workers with contracts due for renewal by the end of this month.

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examine with our partners the methods and conditions allowing rapid progress..." he said.

He said some of the ideas behind Brady's plan were close to those presented by French President François Mitterrand to the United Nations in September last

Mitterrand then proposed the creation of a fund within the IMF to guarantee payment of interest charged on some commercial loans converted into bonds.

Japanese Finance Minister Tatsuo Muruyama has already said he will support financially the U.S. debt plans.

#### 'Very timid step'

Major Latin American nations Friday welcomed Brady's debtreduction initiative, but some questioned whether it went far enough to ease their debt bur-

Venezuela's President Carlos Andres Perez, whose nation was gripped by riots last week following price hikes aimed to satisfy its creditors, called Brady's initiative a "very timid step" toward meet-ing needs of Latin American debtor nations.

But Perez told reporters after arriving here to meet Latin American foreign ministers hold-

"We are ready for our part to ing a two-day conference that the conceptual advance is plan was a move in the right direction."

direction. "The intention of the programfulfil the basic aspirations of our

peoples," he said. Perez said he would discuss the plan with Latin American foreign gion's views.

#### 'A positive step'

Finance Minister Mailson Nob-

rega of Brazil, the Third World's biggest debtor, in a statement called the debt-reduction plan "a positive step and an important

But Nobrega said a final evalustion depended "on the forme is encouraging because it mulation of the details of the plan deals with fundamental questions and on the conditions of its implethat have been raised by Latin mentation which, we believe. American countries. But these should be the subject of discus-

are very timid steps that do not sion as 500n as possible."

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also welcomed the mitiative. "The change of emphasis placing priority on the reduction of ministers and said be hoped that debt and its servicing and not on the talks would lead to a dialogue additional indebtedness is partiwith President Bush on the re-cularly positive," the munistry

said in a statement. Latin American countries want debt service — last year amounting to \$33 billion — reduced to reflect the discounted values of their debt in secondary markets. Apart from Chile, most countries' debt is selling considerably below 50 cents on the dollar.

#### AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES Saturday, March 11, 1989 Central Bank official rates

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288.5	291.1	Swedish crown	84.5
337.7	340.5	Italian lira (for 100)	30 4
85.2	85.8	Belgian franc (for 10)	138.0

#### Weekly Amman Financial Market trading

AMMAN (J.T.) — The following table summarises trading activities at the Amman Financial Market during the week starting Saturday, March 4, '89 and ending Wednesday March 8, '89. (Figures in Jordanian dinars).

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Jordan Gulf Bank	3082	3942	1.290	1,220	1.000
Housing Bank	1150	2086	1.850	1.810	1.000
Arab Jordan Investment Bank				_	1.000
Cairo Amman Bank	_	_	_	_	5.000
Bank of Jordan	1754	27006	15_350	15,250	5,000
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National Portfolio Securities	2724	2596	0.960	0.950	1.000
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Jordan Insurance	10932	40686	3.750	3.640	1.0
Arab Life and Accident Insurance	4000	4240	1.110	1.060	1.0
Yarmouk Insurance and Reinsurance	1100	1485	1.350	1.350	1.0
Holy Land Insurance	_		_		1.0
Philadelphia Insurance	1000	1110	1.140	1.100	1.0
Arab Union International Insurance	_	-	_	_	1.0
Jerusalem Insurance	_	_	_	_	3.0
Jordan-Gulf Insurance	_	_	_	_	1.0
General Arabia Insurance	_	_	_	_	1.0
Middle East Insurance	_	_	_	_	1.0
National Ahliva Insurance	350	494	1.570	1.350	1.0
Arab Belgian Insurance and Reinsurance	_	_	_	_	1.0
United Insurance	3000	3540	1.200	1.180	1.0
Services and industries					

Jordan Printing and Packaging .....

Jordan Tobacco and Cigarette .....

Jordan Glass Industries .....

Jordan Cement Factories .....

Arab Center for Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals .....

National Cable & Wire Manufacturing .....

Philadelphia Insurance	1000	1110	1.140	1.100	1.000
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Jerusalem Insurance	_	_		_	1.000
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Middle East Insurance	_	_	_	_	1.000
National Ahliya Insurance	350	494	1.570	1.350	1.000
Arab Belgian Insurance and Reinsurance	_	_			1.000
United Insurance	3000	3540	1,200	1.180	1.000
Services and industries					
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General Investments	50	64	1.350	1.270	1.000
Inma for Investment and Financial Facilities	100	77	0.810	0.770	1.000
Darco for Housing and Investment	10013	7818	0.810	0.770	1.000
Real Estate Investment (Agarco)	55413	36122	0.650	0.650	1.000
Jordan Gulf Real Estate Investment	13803	5149	0.380	0.370	1.000
Jordan Leasing Corporation	-	_		_	1.000
Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipments	12000	2000	0.670	0.660	1.000
Equipment Leasing & Maintenance/Ta'jeerco	.24600	7134	0.790	0.790	1.000
International Contracting & Investment		10064	1 (20		1.000
Jordanian Electric Power	6430 1208	10264	1.630	1.560	1.000
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Garage Owners Federation Office				_	1.000
Jordan National Shipping Lines	17650	18827	1.090	1.040	1.000
Jordan Press Foundation	459596	1608586	2.940	3.500	1.000
Jordan Press and Publishing	379000	852485	1.790	1.720	1.000
Dar Al Shaab Press, Printing and Publishing	20250	11070	0.600	0.520	1.000
Jordan Dairy	-6931	6696	0.980	0.940	1.000
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing	27101	82103	3.180	2.910	1.000
Intermediate Petrochemical Industries	69815	112749	1.660	1.580	1.000
Jordan Phosphate Mines	15636 28907	54041 46331	3.850 1.530	3.300	1.000
Arab Chemical Detergent Industries	2300	1527	4.750	1.600 4.500	1.000
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Jordan Sweets and Chocolate Manufacturing					1.000
Aladdin Industries	22100	40433	1.860	1.800	1.000
Arab Aluminjum Manufacturing	54875	108752	2.100	1.930	1.000
Jordan Worsted Mills					.1.000
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Chemical Industries	9600	22290	2.580	2.280	1.000
Jordan Industries and Match (JIMCO)	20600 350	14488 814	0.730 2.340	0.690	1.000
Dar Al Dawa' for Development and Investment National Steel Industries	23388	65014	2.870	2.330 2.710	1.000
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General Mining	50	110	2.150	2.200	1.000
Jordan Petroleum Refinery	6561	53855	8.600	7.950	1.000
Jordan Lime & Brick	400650	8809	0.220	0.210	1.000
National Industries	13397	13236	1.020	0.950	1.000
Arab Paper Converting and Trading	100	41	0.380	0.420	1.000
Arab Investment and International Trade					1.000
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# **Edberg, Lendl sorely** tested, Shriver falls

Scottsdale classic men's tennis tournament, were tested Friday by unseeded opponents before in the tiebreaker, when Curren advancing to the semi-finals.

Czechosiovak Lendl, the number one, fought his way through two close sets to defeat 17-yearold Yugoslavian Goran Ivanisevic 6-4, 6-4 in their quarterfinal tie. Second seeded Edberg of Sweden narrowly averted disaster against unseeded American Kevin Curren before winning 6-4,

Lendi, the world's number one, will face Emilio Sanchez, ranked 17th, in Saturday's semi--finals. Fourth ranked Edberg will play unseeded Amos Mansdorf, ranked 26th, in the other semi-

In the other quarterfinals, fifth seeded Sanchez made swift work of unseeded American Jim serve Friday. Courier 6-3, 6-3 and Mansdorf. playing a steady baseline game, upset sixth seeded American Brad Gilbert 5-7, 6-3, 6-0.

Edberg and Curren played an 'acrobatic match of serve and volful of points to give Edberg the victory. Edberg broke Curren in pionships last November. the sixth game of the first set and held onto the lead to serve it out

Swede was broken on a forehand crosscourt winner by Cur- France. ren, giving the American a 4-2 lead. Curren held on to the of Czechoslovakia overcame a advantage to serve out the set 6-3

with another forehand winner. The third set was closely fought with both players returning well but missing crucial chances to break. Games went to 6-6 and the seeded Catarina Lindqvist of tiebreaker where Edberg got an Sweden 6-3, 6-1 in the other tiebreaker where Edberg got an early break with a blazing backhand down the line to go ahead

BY CHARLES GOREN

East-West vulnerable. South

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In theory, a combined total of 26

points should produce game at no trump. One would think, therefore,

that with 29 points distributed more

or less evenly between the .two hands, nine tricks would be a

breeze. But see what can happen

when declarer fails to take the prop-

North checked for a possible 4-4

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Opening lead: Seven of 4

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz, (R) — Edberg scored another break to lead 6-4 with a forehand return the top seeds in the \$415,000 down the line but Curren saved the first match point with an ace. Edberg served out the match, 7-5 netted a forehand.

"From break point in the third set I really started fighting," Edberg said. "I really wanted this match. If I wouldn't have fought, I probably would have lost."
INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (R) — Australian Jenny Byrne stalled Pam Shriver's planned assault on the top ranks of women's tennis players by handing the American a 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 loss in the quarterfinals of the \$250,000 Indian Wells women's tennis tournament Friday.

Shriver, who took a break from competition last month to refocus her singles game in an effort to break into the top spots in the

"If I can serve well I can control the tempo of the match. That did not happen today," said Shriver, who had picked up added confidence in her potential when she snapped number-one ley tennis which hung on a hand- Steffi Graf's 46-match winning pionships last November.

Byrne's upset victory put her into the semifinals against Australian Hana Mandlikova, who But in the second set, the advanced with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Isabelle Demongeot of

> Second-seeded Helena Sukova strong second set challenge to defeat compatriot Jana Novotna 6-1, 7-6 (7-4). Sukova will face fourth-seeded Manuela Malceva of Bulgaria, who got past sixth-

Byrne, 64th in the world, said she knew what she had to do.

major fit with the Stayman Conven-

tion. When South denied holding a major suit, three no trump was the

West led his fourth-best spade. Dummy's queen won and declarer cashed the ace of diamonds—he

needed to set up the suit to make his

surrender a trick to West; he was

trying to guard against the faint pos-

sibility of a singleton king with East. East won the diamond continuation

and pushed a spade through declar-

er's king. West took five spade

tricks to complete a two-trick set.

his contract at trick one. While he

could do nothing about a 5-3 spade

division, he could protect himself if West held six spades, via a line supe-rior to trying to drop a singleton

All declarer had to do was play a

trick. Whether or not West

By Harris

low spade from both hands to the

wins the spade continuation is im-

material, as the cards lie. Declarer

wins any return, comes to hand and takes the diamond finesse. When

East wins the king he has no spade

to return, and the contract is home.

As is often the case, declarer lost

obvious contract.

**GOREN BRIDGE** 

EACH TRICK IN ITS TIME



Challenge of the unknown: Stefan Edberg squeaked through against unseeded Kevin Curren on the tiebreak of the final set.

#### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Interfine reduced on appeal to UEFA

ZURICH (R) — Italian league leaders Inter Milan gained a reduction to one of three fines which totalled a record 225,000 Swiss francs (\$143,000) when they appealed Friday to the European Football Union (UEFA). A UEFA appeals board reduced the largest fine of 150,000 francs (\$95,000) to 100,000 francs (\$63,000) after a hearing which lasted two and a half hours. The fines were imposed after incidents at the Italian soccer club's UEFA cup third round second leg tie against Bayern Munich in December when fans set off fireworks and started a fire. UEFA's disciplinary committee announced the fines in January when Inter were also penalised 25,000 francs (\$16,000) for their players' unsportsmanlike behaviour and 50,000 francs (\$32,000) for showing the match live on widescreen television in contravention of competition regulations.

#### East German fans took fireworks to game

EAST BERLIN (R) - East Germany's youth daily called Saturday for a crackdown on soccer hooligans, saying Magdeburg fans evaded security and took cases full of fireworks to a recent first division match gainst Dynamo Dresden. Junge Welt noted a spate of violent incidents had occurred since East German soccer re-started last month after the winter break. It said the federation's disciplinary committee could not complain about lack of work. "It will have to be established how whole cases of pyrotechnics got through the turnstiles in the first place," the newspaper said. It called for better controls and tough penalties against clubs with inadequate security. The soccer federation has already appealed to clubs and fans to stamp out crowd trouble. A number of recent games have been interrupted after fans lobbed fireworks and other objects on to the pitch.

#### World champion Cooman beaten again

MADRID (R) - World 60 metres indoor champion Nelli Cooman of the Netherlands lost for the second time this week, finishing fourth behind U.S. winner Alice Brown in an indoor athletics meeting Friday. On the Madrid track where Cooman set her world record of 7.00 seconds in February 1986. Brown and Jamaican Merlene Ottey left the jaded-looking Dutch sprinter for dead from the gun. Brown won in 7.11 seconds with new world indoor 200 metres champion Ottey second in 7.22. Cooman, fourth behind Ottey, Brown and American Evelyn Ashford in Athens Wednesday, had to settle for fourth place again in 7.28.

#### Allofs refuses Beckenbauer's call

PARIS (R) - West German striker Klaus Allofs has refused a request from national coach Franz Beckenbauer to play for West Germany in a soccer triendly against Bulgaria on March 22. "He called me a few days ago but we have a French Cup game that day and after my long injury, I have to think about my club first, Allofs, who joined French League leaders Marseille from Cologne two years ago, told the sports daily L'Equipe. Allofs, who did not play for six months at the beginning of this season because of a knee injury, admitted he had personal problems with the West German coach. "I heard nothing from him when I was injured. It was not very nice but that's the way it goes in football,"

#### Syria defeats North Yemen 1-0

SAN'A, NORTH YEMEN (AP) — A second-half goal by Nizar Mahrous gave Syria a 1-0 win against North Yemen Friday in World Cup qualifying play. The halftime score was 0-0. A capacity crowd filled the Al-Thawra stadium for the West Asia group 2 clash, but the home team turned in an unimpressive performance in a slow-paced match. Syrian goalie Malek Shak-kouki was consistently tested but the Varnesis long passes and kouhi was occasionally tested, but the Yemenis long passes and stray kicks were brought no results. Mahrous picked up a long, low pass by George Khouri and tapped the ball past the diving North Yemen goalkeeper, Amin Al-Sonaini, in the 54th. Syria meets Saudi Arabia next Wednesday in Riyadh in the next West Asia group 2 qualifying match for the 1990 World Cup.

## Ferrari name new head of racing division

MARANELLO, Italy (R) — An executive of Italy's Fiat car group Friday took over the Ferrari racing division which the company's late founder Enzo Ferrari personally directed until his death last August. Ferrari said in a statement that Cesare Fiorio had been appointed head of the racing division in place of Pier Giorgio Cappelli, who was put in charge of the section shortly after Ferran's death. Fiorio was formerly head of the sports racing divisions of Italian car makers Alfa Romeo and Lancia. Alfa Romeo and Lancia are both wholly-owned subsidiaries of industrial giant Fiat Spa. Fiat upped its stake in Ferrari by 40 per cent to 90 per cent last autumn. Ferrari last month unveiled its new normally-aspirated Formula One racing car which Britain's Nigel Mansell and Austrian Gerhard Berger will drive this season.

#### FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 1989

# YOUR HOROSCOPE

- As Charted By the Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation that is unhealthful and abusive.

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Activities may not move along as planned. Communications are dif-ticult. Many ideas form, but are impossible to organize or express.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Family pressures have everyone's leathers ruffled. Not a good way to start a day, but a little patience will

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Your diet plans may need to be put back on the track. Lower your expectations and keep within realistic limits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Activities will keep you on the go. Plan ahead, get the proper rest to carry out a busy week. Bargain shopping gets results today. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to

Jul 21) You feel artistic and appreciative of what is beautiful and natural. Keeping appointments

may be difficult.
LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Focus on gains made with your own talents and efforts. Combine forces and share equally with your companion.
VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)
Today starts a cycle that can be favorable in changing a lifestyle

Take better care of yourself. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take seriously your desires to learn. Plan now to extend your education. You may be challenged by a provocative

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Keep finances in check. Avoid friends who drain your resources. Settle unfinished business with an old friend. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) Others may try to fool you by switching plans without your knowing about it. Romance has an opportunity to blossom tonight. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A flirt, the one you kid around with,

may want more attention that you care to give. A correct attitude will keep the matter in balance. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) A fix-up project around the home has its problems. An expert can exhas its problems. An expert can ex-plain what is hampering your pro-

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Have faith in your own abilities. You are hard to live with when your self-confidence is low and needs to be propped up.

## Forest beats Arsenal to reopen title fight **STANDINGS**

LONDON (R) — Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest put the fizz back into the English League title chase by thrashing leaders Arsenal 3-1 Saturday.

league cup match in January, son Nigel Clough took on the responsibility of spurring his team-mates to victory in London by opening the scoring himself.

The win extended Forest's unbeaten run to 16 games and though their title hopes remain slim - they are 14 points adrift of Arsenal — they performed a big favour for second-placed Nor-

Norwich, playing their 1,000th league game at their Carrow Road ground, beat F.A. Cup holders Wimbledon 1-0, thanks to a 51st minute goal by Trevor Putney and narrowed the gap with Arsenal to two points, with one game in hand. Millwall, 2-1 winners at Luton

With their controversial mana- with a first-half double by Jimmy ger serving a touchline ban after Carter, can also take heart from throwing punches at fans at a Arsenal's troubles. They hold on to third place and are now nine points behind the leaders who have won only once in their last four league matches.

> Forest, the most successful cup side this season with places in the English League Cup final and the quarter-finals of the F.A. Cup, went ahead after just six minutes when Nigel Clough pounced on a pass from Lee Chapman and shot home from 12 metres.

Arsenal, who beat Forest 4-1 in Nottingham last November, levelled seven minutes later with Alan Smith scoring his 21st goal of the season but Forest barely paused for breath.

LONDON (R) — English League soccer table after matches played Saturday.

English Division One

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Arsenal	28	16	7	5	53	28	55
Norwich	27	15	8	4	40	28	53
Millwall	27	13	7	7	40	31	46
Liverpool	25	11	9	5	36	<b>_2</b> 0	42
Nottingham Forest	25	10	11	4	37	<sup>-</sup> 27	41
Coventry	27	11	8	8	35	27	41
Manchester United	25	10	9	6	35	21	39
Derby	26	11	6	9	30	25	39
Wimbledon	26	11	5	10	32	31	38
Tottenham	28	9	10	9	41	38	37
Everton	26	9	9	8	32	29	36
Middlesbrough	27	8	7	12	31	43	31
Queen's Park Rangers	27	7	9	11	26	25	30
Aston Villa	27	7	9	11	35	42	30
Luton	26	7	8	11	28	33	29
Southampton	27	6	11	10	39	51	29
Charlton	28	6	10	12	31	43	28
Sheffield Wednesday	27	é	9	12	22	37	27
Newcastle	26	5	7	14	23	46	22
West Ham	25	4	7	14	21	42	19

First Franz Carr raced through from the right to beat goalkeeper then England defender Stuart 3-1 in the 35th minute.

# **Jackson** turns the tables on Kingdom

GLASGOW (R) — Olympic champion Roger Kingdom paid a heavy price for concentrating his mind on breaking the world in-door 60 metres hurdles record when he was beaten for the fist time by Colin Jackson Friday.

Jackson, running for Britain in a triangular meeting against the United States and the Soviet Union, clocked the fastest time recorded in Britain to pip the man who has defeated him on seven occasions in the past seven

The finish was so tight that the result was first announced as a victory for the American, but the positions were quickly reversed with Jackson winning in 7.44

Kingdom, who equalled compatriot Greg Foster's world mark of 7.36 at a meeting in Athens Wednesday, clocked 7.46.

He said later: "I got too involved in trying to go for the world record and I forgot who I was racing against. Colin ran a hell of a race."

Jackson, second best to Kingdom in the Seoul Olympics and world indoor championships in Budapest a week ago, said: "It's a relief to have beaten him at last."

"To be honest I thought Roger had won, although I knew it was Michael Rosswess was quick to

follow up Jackson's success with a personal best of 6.57 seconds in brilliantly.' the 60 metres to win from American Brian Cooper, and the homesquad completed a sprint double with world indoor champion John Regis taking the 200 in 20.99.

# U.S. — the new soccer power?

United States becomes a major player on the world soccer scene, what happened in Saudi Arabia last month might be considered

the starting point.
"It's history," says Ralph Perez, one of the coaches of the U.S. under-20 team that finished fourth in the Youth World Cup tournament. "The main thing we stressed was we wanted to make history by getting out of the first round, be the first U.S. team that went to a world championship

and got out of their group."

The Americans not only did that by going 1-1-1 in the opening round, they stunned Iraq in the quarterfinals before falling to Nigeria in overtime in the semi-

"What we did assures that FIFA people who saw it, and people around the world who followed it, saw great representation of U.S. soccer." Perez says. "For U.S. teams that go anywhere in the future, the ingredient of knowing it can be done has been established."

The United States will be the host of the 1994 World Cup. The national team begins the final round of qualifying for the 1990 tournament later this month and is expected to make it. Suddenly, soccer just might have a future in this country.

"We were the surprise team of the tournament and what we did was a real astonishment to many people," Perez says. "It was a major upset when we beat Iraq, who beat Argentina and Spain and had not conceded a goal up to that point in the tournament. "We had to travel up Taif in

the mountains from Jeddah to play them and they stayed where they were. Everything was against us.

These are things that would have intimidated our previous teams. But the boys responded

Bob Gansler, the national team coach, is in South America with the U.S. squad that will go after one of two available spots in the 1990 World Cup. Before leaving

for the exhibition tour through Venezuela and Paraguay, Gansler admitted that the underdog role perfectly suited his team.

"Being underrated helped us," he said. "Nobody at the tournament mentioned the Americans to do anything. We were sort of an unknown commodity. We don't have the track record of Brazil, Argentina or even Nigeria.

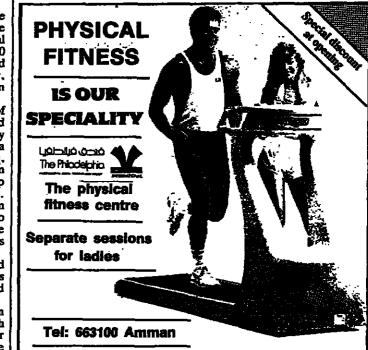
in the tournament until Mexico was disqualified last year for using overage players. Perez believes the American team was the reason the Mexicans cheated.

Most of the players on the under-20 team will form the nucleus of the 1992 Olympic squad and, most likely, the World Cup team in '94 — the United States gets an automatic bid as the host.

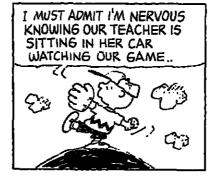
#### TO FOREIGNERS IN JORDAN

The Jordanian Women Federation is pleased to announce that a course in teaching conversational and classical Arabic language will start on March 15, 1989. It will be held in the Federation's centre at Jabal Al Hussein as follows:

3 days weekly (2 hours each) For more information please call Tel: 670325 N.B. monthly payment is JD 15.



#### **Peanuts**







#### Mutt'n' Jeff





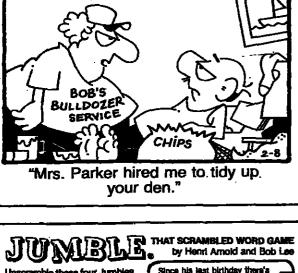


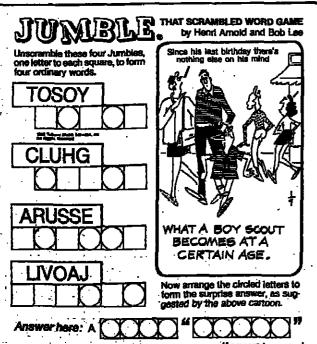
## **Andy Capp**











Jumbles: BELLE TROTH LUNACY OUTWIT

All-night conversations tend to be dullest just before this-THE "YAMN" (the dawn)

Couple arrested for

MEXICO CITY (R) - Police

arrested a U.S. couple in the

Mexican border town of Mata-

moros after catching them stark

doing it on street





Paris battles... top: Jacques Chirac, bottom (left to right); Jacques Medecin, Dominique Bandis and

# French women slip into politics

PARIS (R) — French women, the outcasts of national political life, hope municipal elections this weekend will give them a chance to slip into politics through the

France was one of the last countries to give women the vote. in 1944, and although 53 per cent of its voters are now women only 33 women sit in the 577-seat partiament, the lowest level of female representation in the European Community (EC) and

22nd in the world.
"We have nothing to be proud of when you look around and see Margaret Thatcher, Cory Aquino and Benazir Bhutto," said former Conservative Minister Monique Pelletier, a fierce campaigner for

Sunday are a chance for women to "discreetly but surely" enter the political stage.

In the last such vote six years ago women increased their representation in local politics from 8 to 14 per cent, three times the percentage of women in parlia-

But Pelletier also believes women can sharpen their political teeth working on the day-to-day issues arising in France's 36,500 town halls - more than in all of the 11 other EC nations put together.

Women are more practical, closer to reality, she said in a guide to the municipal polls. "When our male colleagues

Pelletier believes the two- vote to invest in prestige operaround municipal polls starting tions, we say we would prefer a creche or a nursery-school."

Radical feminists who only a few years ago turned their backs on such ballots are now eager to vie for election.

Twenty years after the birth of the country's women's liberation movement, one of its foundermembers has launched a new movement aimed at giving women a fairer share of the poli-

"The battle to give women their rightful share in policy-mak-ing will be one of the hig issues of the next decade," said Antoinette Fouque, founder of the New Women's Alliance for Democra-

# Bush sees 'clear sailing' for **Cheney through Congress**

WASHINGTON (R) - President Bush, moving past the poli-tical turnoil surrounding his first choice to head the defence department, predicts "clear sailing" for his nomination of Richard Cheney as defence secretary.

Moments after Bush's announcement Friday the Senate Armed Services Committee said it would begin confirmation hearings on Cheney, a 48-year-old congressman from Wyoming, next week.

"I believe it will go very fast and I believe that it will have smooth sailing before the Senate,' Bush told reporters, adding that he hoped "to accelerate the clearance process, and get that mov-ing... too much time has been wasted."

With a two-week recess looming in mid-March, a final vote in the Senate was not expected before April.

The Senate Thursday rejected Bush's first choice, John Tower, following days of bitter debate over the former senator's financial ties to defence contractors and allegations involving heavy drinking and womanising.

Cheney, first elected to the House of Representatives in 1978, has been involved in budgetary and intelligence issues in his role as one of the top Republican leaders in Congress.

He served as President Gerald Ford's top White House adviser in 1975 and 1976, when Ford was trying to restore presidential prestige after the Watergate scandal that drove Richard Nixon from office.

Where Tower piled up grudges during his 24 years in the Senate, Cheney has accumulated compliments for his ability to work with Democrats who control both good choice."

chambers of Congress. Democratic Senator Sam Nunn

of Georgia, Tower's chief oppo-nent and chairman of the Senate panel reviewing the nomination, offered a swift assessment of

"He's well respected. He's well liked... I know of no impediment to his nomination."

Other Democrats echoed the assessment, with Senator Bob Graham of Florida saying, "I'm very impressed by him - he has a very thoughtful, strategic mind."

Senate Republican leader Robert Dole predicted: "This time around we'll have a confirmation, not an execution."

Defence analysts also praised Cheney's selection, with Helmut Sonnenfeldt of the prestigious Brookings Institution in Washington calling it "a very

# McFarlane says North kept him in the dark on contra meetings

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Oliver North left his White House boss Robert McFarlane out of a tactics session for the Nicaraguan contras and sought more military funds for the rebels at a time when Congress had outlawed it. McFarlane has testi-

McFarlane, a prosecution witness in North's criminal trial, said he was not informed about a June 1985 meeting in Miami attended by North and Adolfo Calero and other rebel leaders to discuss the opening of a southern front in the conflict between the rebels and the Nicaraguan government.

North also failed to inform

McFarlane before planning a trip to San Jose, Costa Rica, to oversee a planned airstrip to provide supplies to contras fighting on Nicaragua's southern border, the former national security advisor testified Friday.

North has pleaded innocent to 12 criminal charges, including lying to Congress and other misconduct, stemming from his role in the 1985-86 plan to sell arms to Iran and divert some of the proceeds to the contras.

His attorneys have argued he was merely following orders from the country's highest officials. while independent prosecutors allege he was at the centre of the covert operation and put himself

McFarlane, who acknowledged Friday he had tried to commit



Oliver North

suicide after the scandal became public, said he disapproved of North's suggestion to ask for doubled military aid to the contras from a Middle Eastern country at a time when Congress had made such aid illegal.

The Middle Eastern country. which McFarlane did not name, had been providing \$1 million a month in money for the contra into the courtroom with his war since July 1984, before Con-

gress voted to cut off aid. Later tor more money," McFarlane said, referring to the Middle Eastern country. "...We couldn't seek any money for military support."

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McFarlane, who was sentenced last week to two years probation, 200 hours of community service and a \$20,000 fine for his role in the Iran-contra scandal, testified

earlier that then-President Ronald Reagan did not want Congress to know about such third-country contributions. McFarlane said Reagan was

told in 1984 that he could be impeached for allowing solicita-tion of money from other countries for the contras.

The suggestion by James A. Baker, then Reagan's chief of staff and now President George Bush's secretary of state, "was strongly countered" by other top officials at a meeting with Reagan, with the conclusion that Baker was wrong, testified McFarlane.

Still, Reagan said "we'll all be hanging by our thumbs" if word got out that McFarlane or other administration officials were indeed seeking help from abroad, McFarlane said.

There was no visible interplay between McFarlane, who is testifying for the prosecution, and

McFarlane's face reddened at

That was shortly before release of a White House-ordered report on the Iran-contra affair and the beginning of congressional hear-

# Tibetan unrest subsides

PEKING (R) — Chinese troops appeared to be soon as possible firmly in control of Lhasa Saturday, as unrest subsided in the Tibetan capital and residents reported fewer arrests and no gunfire.

one of the few telephone calls connected to Lhasa Saturday, two days after virtually all foreigners were expelled from the

Lhasa was racked this week by three days of separatist riots which subsided when martial law went into force at midnight Tuesday. Official accounts say 16 people died in the violence, which began last Sunday, but doctors in Tibet put the figure at 30 and

Tibetans say 60 died. Wan Li, chairman of the National People's Congress, China's parliament, was quoted by state radio Saturday as saying that martial law had been "entire-ly necessary" and that it was supported by the overwhelming majority of Tibetans.

Lhasa residents reached by telephone said they were unaware of any shooting by police or stone throwing by separatists Saturday.

One resident said monasteries on the outskirts of Lhasa re-mained officially closed, as China sought to defuse any threat of further demonstrations which might follow Friday's 30th anniversary of the abortive 1959 uprising against Chinese rule.

The official China News Ser-

vice said late Friday more than 1,000 soldiers were patrolling the Tibetans demonstrate in Lhasa last week before police moved in to break them up

"Many arrests yesterday... to-day better," one Tibetan said in one-kilometre long convoy of 72 military vehicles carrying "fully armed troops."

It quoted a spokesman for the regional government as saying the heavy military presence would frighten any separatists waiting for an opportunity to resume protests.

The news service said Saturday that elementary and secondary schools were "enthusiastically preparing to resume classes as

DRYDEN, Ontario (R) - Up to

23 people died Friday when a jet

carrying 69 people crashed and

exploded in flames in northern

Ontario shortly after taking off in

(QPP) said 46 people survived

the crash of the Air Ontario plane

flying from Thunder Bay, Ontar-

io, to Winnipeg. One person died in hospital and the remaining 22

people were presumed dead, they

The Fokker F-28 made a sche-

duled stop in Dryden, a town of

6,500 about 160 kilometres north of the U.S.-Canadian border, and

crashed after taking off for Win-

Constable David Brayshaw, an

OPP spokesman, said the jet ex-

a snowstorm, police said.

Similarly, the Communist Party newspaper the People's Daily. which had prominently reported three days of violence by separatists before martial law was imposed, reported the region as quiet late Friday night, putting its account on inside pages.
The New China News Agency

said late Friday: "The nights are now quite... no more screams, no more sirens."

Peking appeared intent on underlining its frequently stated policy that Tibet is an internal affair, and that outsiders have no right to intervene.

In an unusual move the Foreign Ministry Friday summoned representatives of all members of

Up to 23 killed as plane

explodes in north Ontario

broke into pieces.

Ontario Provincial Police the plane did not get out.

ploded in flames on impact and

most of the people in the front of

Brayshaw said the plane was

carrying 65 passengers and four

He said the number of people on board was determined from

ticket sales. Earlier, the OPP bad

said the plane was carrying 61

Paul McKnight, vice president of Air Ontario, a Toronto-based

regional carrier, said the cause of

the crash was not known and a

had an air disturbance." He said said

the European Community. Apparently upset at the issue

of Tibetan human rights being raised in the European Parliament this week, the ministry told the diplomats that it considered such action interference in China's internal affairs. Peking also delivered a stern

warning that tough measures would be taken to prevent chaos not only in Tibet but also against political dissidents elsewhere who have been demanding greater freedom.

The People's Daily warned that those who pushed too hard for political change were also risking social instability, directly linking the unrest in Lhasa with potential political dissent elsewhere.

crews who bulldozed a road

through the woods to the site,

snow squalls, used snow mobiles

and sleds to carry out the injured

through the woods before coming

to rest with only its nose and tail

The plane cut a charred swath

"Anything in between is pretty

vell broken up or burnt," said

helicopter engineer Alan Whel-

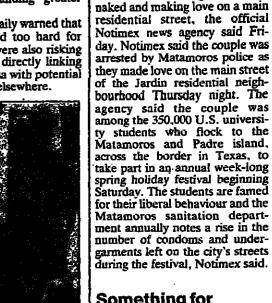
Cindy Borden, who lives near the airport, said: "I just went out

ton, who flew over the site.

through deep snow drifts.

intact, a witness said.

Rescuers, hampered by



#### Something for everyone in Milan

MILAN (AP) - The good news from the Milan winter runway, which kicks off a new fashion decade, is that women can wear what they like and still be in style. No single trend or style emerged in this week's showings of the Italian ready-to-wear collections for the fall-winter 1989-90. Rather, it was a mixed fashion bag full of good-looking clothes, which don't require a perfect body. Hemlines range from the thigh to the floor, skirts come in the total looks and looks and looks are the first and looks are the floor. tight and loose versions, jackets tend to be short but can also be three-quarter, there are trousers for every taste and configuration. solid colours abound but so do plaid, floral and paisley prints. In general the designers stay away from the sexy aggressiveness epitomised by the miniskirt — the Italian rage several seasons ago - to present a quieter, more casual style: dropped shoulders. long languid lines and completely flat footwear. The colour scheme

draws inspiration from the shades of an autumn forest: brown, moss green, burnt yellow and berry blues and reds. Orange and fuchsia are the favourite shocking shades. Gray and black show up in every collection.

# Soviet elections begin

MOSCOW (R) — Elections to a new revamped Soviet parlia-ment began Saturday with little fanfare as members of the Society of Inventors voted and filled the five seats that had been specially set aside for them. While not a model of the

multi-candidate voting urged by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, the polling ushered in the elections to the Congress of People's Deputies, one cham-ber of a parliament intended as the centrepiece of his political reforms.

An anti-Boris Yeltsin campaign, meanwhile, appeared to as the Moscow city Communist Party chief and others criticised the ideas of the fallen Kremlin radical, who is now running for.

The official Soviet news agency TASS reported the resuits of the Society of Inventors' meeting in a brief report that said the ballot boxes were unsealed and the votes counted in the presence of election commission members and Soviet

and foreign journalists.
All five candidates had been nominated for the job in adv-

"The first five deputies were named today at the enlarged plenum of the Central Council of All-Union Inventors and Innovators, which unites about 15 million people," TASS said.

"As members of the supreme legislature of the USSR they intend to actively promote acceleration of the socio-economic development of Soviet society and the USSR's progress in science and technology," it added.

According to the newspaper Moskovskaya Pravda, Abramov suggested the Moscow party should be more assertive in the elections by announcing whom it supports for parlia-ment and whom it does not.

Over the next 11 days public organisations from the Communist Party to the Society of Philatelists, which are guaran-teed a total of 750 seats under the new electoral law, will meet to select their deputies.

On March 26 the process reaches a climax with voting in regional constituencies across the country to fill the remaining 1,500 seats in the congress.

Congress members will in turn elect a smaller upper chamber that will sit for up to eight months a year, in contrast with the old Supreme Soviet which met only briefly twice a vear to rubber-stamp decisions.

Yeltsin, the popular former Moscow party chief now run-ning for the all-Moscow seat in parliament, has advocated a multi-party system. Moscow party chief Lev Zaikov, in remarks carried on

Soviet television, told a party

meeting in the capital Friday: "Today we need not the discussion of a multi-party system but the consolidation of society on the basis of perestroika (restructuring)."

#### to start my car. I heard it (the search had begun for the plane's jet), then I didn't hear it any flight recorder. The survivors were reached by

**THE Sunday Crossword** 

Passenger Danny Godin said about a half-mile from the he felt "the plane quiver as we Dryden airport runway, police

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Last Week's Cryplograms

1. June should be a mostly beautiful month, but lots of temperatures of ninety plus are just too darn het.

2. Famed golf peo players really don't mind going in the hole most of

the time.

3. Living on a shoestring is a trick that can have anyone tied in daily

4. Is U.N. the chief hope at last of our fortorn species?

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